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SUNITA WILLIAMS RETIRES FROM NASA, CAPPING 27-YEAR CAREER

Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, who inspired generations to dream big and push boundaries, has retired from the space agency

FINISHED 3 MISSIONS DURING 608 DAYS IN SPACE

During her time with the US space agency, she completed three missions aboard the International Space Station. Williams logged 608 days in space. She ranks sixth on the list of longest single spaceflights by an American, tied with NASA astronaut Butch Wilmore, with both logging 286 days during NASA's Boeing Starliner and SpaceX Crew-9 missions

A PERSPECTIVE SHAPED BY SPACE TRAVEL

- Williams was born to Gujarati father Deepak Pandya and Slovenian mother Ursuline Bonnie Pandya in the US state of Ohio in 1965
- Reflecting on space travel, the 60-year-old, who is currently visiting India, said the idea of humans arguing endlessly over issues seems so "silly" when you look at Earth as "one planet" from outer space

Dec 27
WHEN WILLIAMS OFFICIALLY RETIRED FROM NASA

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Don goes back foot on Greenland pitch

Rules out using force, but demands immediate negotiations to take control of the Danish territory

AGENCIES @ Davos

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday appeared to tone down his aggressive pitch to wrest control of Greenland from NATO ally Denmark as he ruled out force.

"I don't have to use force. I don't want to use force. I won't use force," he said at the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

"I'm seeking immediate negotiations to once again discuss the acquisition of Greenland by the United States, just as we have acquired many other territories throughout our history, as many of the European nations have," he said.

Trump claimed his country is in the best position to control Greenland and wondered why most of Europe is opposing his "small ask".

In his 70-minute-long speech, he also lashed out at Denmark for being "ungrateful" for the US protection of the Arctic island during World War-2. "All the United States is asking for is a place called Greenland where we already had it as a trustee, but respectfully returned it to Denmark after we defeated the Germans, the Japanese, the Italians and others in World War II. We gave it back. We were a powerful force then, but we are a much more powerful force now," Trump said, staking claims over the region.

Training his guns on EU, Trump said the US is booming but Europe is "not heading in the right direction." On Tuesday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had called Trump's tariffs on eight European countries over Greenland a "mistake" and questioned his trustworthiness.

Trump said the US needs Greenland for strategic reasons and not for rare earth minerals. "We were a powerful force when we saved Greenland and gave it to Denmark after World War II, but we are much more powerful now," he said.

Responding to Trump's speech at Davos, Danish foreign minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said: "In isolation it's positive that the president says what he does regarding the military, but that does not make the problem go away... It's clear from this speech that the president's ambition is intact." P14

The ripple effects

'INT'L ORDER UPENDED'

UN chief Antonio Guterres warned world leaders against upending international order. "When a handful of individuals can bend global narratives or dictate the terms of public debate, we are facing inequality and the corruption of institutions & our shared values."

'DON SPEECH NOT HELPING'

Trump's assurance that he would not use force to take Greenland is a positive statement but it won't resolve the issue, said Danish foreign minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen

EU-U.S. TRADE PACT ON HOLD

The European Parliament on Wednesday decided to suspend its work on the European Union's trade deal with the United States in protest against Trump's demands and threats over Greenland

MARKETS RECOVER

Markets mostly steadied on Wednesday after Trump toned down his rhetoric in his threats to acquire Greenland, clarifying he wouldn't use force

Guv refuses to address joint session over VB-G RAM G

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

A day after governors of Tamil Nadu and Kerala were at the centre of controversies over their respective addresses to assemblies, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Wednesday followed suit by refusing to address the joint session of state legislature scheduled for Thursday.

Parts of the governor's address to the joint session on Thursday are said to contain certain references to the Centre which has repealed the UPA government's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and replaced it with the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, due to which Governor Gehlot has refused to deliver his address. Gehlot raised reservations on 11 paragraphs in the speech drafted by the Karnataka cabinet with regard to the NDA repealing MGNREGA.

According to sources, since the governor is mandated to address the session as per Article 176(1) of the Constitution, he insists on skipping parts of the speech, using his discretion. They said as parts of the address were against VB-G RAM G, which has become an Act after the Bill was passed in Parliament, it would be unconstitutional to speak against it and he preferred to skip those parts.

A high-level delegation led by Karnataka Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil, including Advocate-General K Shashi Kiran Shetty and CM's legal advisor AS Ponnanna, rushed to Raj Bhavan and held talks with the governor on Wednesday evening.

Speaking to reporters after meeting the governor, Patil said, "It is mandatory for any governor to address the joint session of legislature as per Article 176(1) of the Constitution. The governor has said that 11 paragraphs should be dropped from the speech. We will consult the Chief Minister and communicate to the governor. The Constitution is the same for everyone, whether the President, Governor or government. We have not been told so far that the Governor will not come to address the session."

Patil said the delegation interacted with Governor Gehlot on the 11 paragraphs on VB-G RAM G Act in the address. "There is no situation to take the legal route as yet, and if it demands we will cross the bridge," he said, subtly expressing confidence that the governor could address the joint session. CONTINUED ON: P4

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot being felicitated by former Rajya Sabha member K C Ramamurthy at a programme in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

SC on SIR of poll rolls: No power can be untrammelled

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Election Commission of India (ECI) whether its powers to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls can be considered untrammelled and beyond judicial review.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said revision of poll rolls could lead to civil consequences. "Revision of voter list can lead to some civil consequences for a person who is on the list, so if something which will affect civil rights of people, then why should not the process followed be in accordance with sub-section 2 (of the Representation of the People (RP) Act which provides for roll revision in a prescribed manner)?" the CJI asked.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, representing the ECI, cited clause (3) of Section 21 of the RP Act, which reads: "Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), the Election Commission may at any time, for reasons to be recorded, direct a special revision of the electoral roll for any constituency or part of a constituency in such manner as it may think fit." The CJI, however, asked if Section 21(2) enables the ECI to go beyond the rules, can the poll body then exempt itself from its own notified procedures when it undertakes an SIR under Section 21(3). "So, why should we not expect you (ECI) to have a transparent procedure," he questioned.

Justice Bagchi observed, "No power or jurisdiction can be untrammelled, no matter how high one is. The manner of conduct of the revision of electoral rolls must conform with the principles of natural justice. It should be just and fair." Dwivedi agreed that the ECI must satisfy the court that the process was just, fair and transparent. P11

IAF AIRCRAFT CRASHES

The wreckage of an IAF microlite training aircraft being recovered from a pond in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj on Wednesday. Two persons onboard, including the pilot, were rescued | PTI

Youth injures spine in fall, friends kill him over med costs

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A 26-year-old man who went missing earlier this month was found dead 16 days later in a well, with his body tied to a stone. Investigations revealed that the deceased was allegedly killed by his two friends to avoid bearing the cost of medical treatment after he suffered a spinal cord injury from a fall during a New Year party. The incident took place in Vajarahalli village of Magadi taluk in the Bengaluru South district.

Prajwal

Sudeep

The deceased has been identified as Vinod Kumar (26), a daily wage labourer. The accused are Sudeep (19), a construction worker, and Prajwal (19), a car driver with a private company. All three are residents of Kalyanapura village in Magadi taluk. They were arrested on Sunday and remanded in police custody.

According to the police, during the alcohol party, the friends asked Vinod to climb a coconut tree to collect tender coconuts to mix with liquor. He lost balance and fell from a height of nearly 30 feet, suffering a severe spinal cord injury. As Vinod screamed in pain, they panicked and decided to take him home. However, while heading back, Sudeep and Prajwal worried that villagers might question them and that the medical treatment would cost several lakhs, which they would have to bear. To avoid this responsibility, they allegedly threw Vinod in to a lake near Vajarahalli, which has minimal public movement. P7

Govt weighs dual budget allocation on G RAM G

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, which replaces the two-decade-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), is yet to be formally notified and brought into force, the Centre is considering a dual budgetary allocation in the upcoming Union Budget to ensure uninterrupted support to the scheme. Officials said since the rules under the new legislation are still being framed, the government may provide funding simultaneously for both MGNREGA and the VB-G RAM G scheme during a transitional phase. The new law will be operationalised only after the rules are notified.

The move comes as the government plans to gradually phase out MGNREGA over the next six months while rolling out the new legislation. With the VB-G RAM G bill yet to come into force, the Centre is keen to avoid any disruption in wage employment for rural households, officials added. According to sources, during a recent meeting of a parliamentary panel, the government informed members that it is considering additional budgetary support and dual allocation to ensure a smooth transition to the VB-G RAM G.

Signalling a sharp jump in budgetary support, the government had earlier announced that ₹1,51,282 crore would be allocated for VB-G RAM G. Sources said that the Centre may further increase the outlay in its budget announcement. MGNREGA was allotted an unchanged ₹86,000 crore in both FY25 and FY26. Under the new Act, the estimated Central share of funding is ₹95,692.31 crore, with the states bearing the rest. The new Act mandates a 60:40 cost-sharing ratio between the Centre and the states.

Opposition members have, however, raised concerns, saying that states remain in the dark over the proposed norms for allocation of funds under the new Act.

NEXT ICC OPTIONS

Forfeiture or Scotland in place of B'desh

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) continues to juggle multiple T20 World Cup related issues even though the event is now the world governing body has to consider the way forward. And time is very limited before the first set of matches on February 7.

It's understood that one of the ways could be a last

What adds to the intrigue is that when contacted by this daily, a Cricket Scotland source said they 'aren't commenting' on the matter. But do remember that Jersey finished higher

Cessentially beginning the tournament with a win against their names. But that may not be palatable to the broadcasters who have spent a lot of money to secure the rights for this event. Lack of four live

T20 WC TUSSLE

ICC DENIES BANGLADESH'S REQUEST TO SHIFT THEIR MATCHES OUT OF INDIA

As reported by this daily, if Bangladesh choose not to come to India for upcoming Men's T20 World Cup on Thursday, ICC is likely to replace them with Scotland in Group C | P17

EXPRESS READ

Up to RCB to come back to Chinnaswamy: Venki

Bengaluru: Karnataka State Cricket Association president Venkatesh Prasad placed the onus on Royal Challengers Bengaluru to keep their IPL 2026 home matches at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. "I sincerely hope that RCB will play all their seven home matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium," Prasad said | P17

Row over Udupi DC waving saffron flag

Udupi: A row has erupted in Udupi after DC Swaroopa TK used a saffron flag to flag off the Paryaya Mahotsav procession taken out from Jodukatte to Krishna Mutt on Sunday. Even as the district Congress sought action against Swaroopa, the BJP threatened to protest if any action is initiated | P6

US Army Secy to meet Jaishankar in Delhi

New Delhi: Amid continuing strain in US-India relations over tariff uncertainty, US Army Secretary Daniel P Driscoll is scheduled to arrive in New Delhi. Sources confirmed that this will be Driscoll's first visit to India since assuming charge as Secretary of the Army. He will be accompanied by a 13-member delegation from the US | P11

Shinde gets Raj backing to checkmate Maha BJP

Mumbai: The power tussle between the BJP and the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena continued in Maharashtra, as the latter claimed the support of five MNS corporators to stake a claim to the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) government, checkmating the BJP, which was eyeing the mayor post | P12

Chilean with 7.7kg of cocaine in kids' books held at KIA

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a yet newer modus operandi, international drug cartels are using children's fairytale books for transnational smuggling of high grade contraband. The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU), Customs, on a credible tipoff, arrested a Chilean national and seized around 7.7kg of high-grade cocaine concealed in fairytale books in Spanish, at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The alleged mule, aged 70, was apprehended at the Customs arrival hall of T2 at 10.30am Wednesday.

According to informed sources, the AIU intercepted the Chilean national, who had arrived by Ethiopian Airlines ET-690 from Addis Ababa. "He was reportedly handed the cocaine consignment at Sao Paulo. He boarded the flight from the Brazilian city to Addis Ababa enroute to Bengaluru. The consignment was meant for delivery in Bengaluru. The accused had no onward travel booked," said sources. "He speaks only Spanish and refuses to divulge much."

"On examination of his registered baggage, the AIU team found cocaine concealed in packets in children's fairytale books in Spanish. The consignment contained a little over 3kg of white powder and 4.5kg of black powder.

Field testing kit (FTK) of the powders confirmed it to be cocaine," said sources. Black cocaine, or coca negra, is a mixture of cocaine base/hydrochloride with charcoal, dyes, or charcoal to camouflage its appearance, evade sniffer dogs and detection.

In the grey market in India, cocaine sells between Rs 5crore and Rs 10crore per kg, depending on demand and quality. "The seized contraband is found to be high grade," said sources. CONTINUED ON: P7

The children's fairytale books in which the accused had concealed the cocaine

ALMANAC TODAY
Thursday: 22.01.2026 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Uththarayana
Ritu: Sisira • Masa: Magha • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Chathurthi 1.23 am
Nakshatra: Sathabhisha 2.03 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 12°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST: Morning clouds
Sunrise 06.46 am
Sunset 06.16 pm
Moonrise 09.11 am
Moonset 09.22 pm

DIRTY CITY TAG TO STAY? EXPERTS MOOT SKIPPING SWACHH SURVEY

GBA yet to begin preparations; city was 5th dirtiest in last rankings

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WHILE other city corporations across the country have already begun the work for the Swachh Survekshan survey, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) hasn't started yet, said Solid Waste Management experts.

Bengaluru ended up as the fifth dirtiest city in India last year. The erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is GBA now, ended up securing 36th national rank out of 40 in the Swachh Survekshan survey 2024-2025 rankings.

Experts are advising that Bengaluru, which is not fully prepared, should better skip the 2025-2026 survey, instead of taking part and ending up among the most dirtiest cities in the country, affecting the 'Brand Bengaluru' image, which has already taken a severe beating due to the city's poor infrastructure and traffic.

V Ram Prasad, Solid Waste Management expert and founder of Friends of Lakes, said, "While there is provision for Bengaluru to either compete as one unit or take part as five different corporations, there is no clarity yet. In the last survey, BBMP was one corporation, which was not split into five corporations. Earlier, the survey was done only between February and March. However, the evaluation methodology has undergone a lot of change and every month, participants must update self-attested data, geotagged photos, and documents on various parameters."

Garbage strewn on roadsides is a common sight in the city | EXPRESS

Prasad, who has worked with the erstwhile BBMP related to the Swachh Survekshan, said given the condition that the participants have to update data monthly, and that the five different corporations came into existence only in September last year, it would be difficult for corporations to compete individually.

Even to take part as one unit, GBA is not prepared. Along with the monthly 'desktop assessment', the 'on-field assessment' that will go on for 45-days will be done in February and March. The assessment team will verify the submissions on Garbage Free City, Open Defecation Free certification assessments and award marks, said an SWM expert who requested anonymity.

He said that this year's toolkit is designed to give more weightage to citizens' feedback, which will run simultaneously round the year along with the desktop and on-field assessment and that there isn't any visible action taken by the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML).

He compared the survey to that of a student appearing for exams and said, "Instead of appearing in the exam and securing low marks and failing, it's better for Bengaluru to bunk the 2025 survey. The pride of the city is in question. Last survey, the city ended up as the fifth dirtiest city. This will directly affect the 'Brand Bengaluru' image and also impact the investments in the city", he said.

By not taking part in the survey, the city may lose some crores from the Swachh Bharat Mission funds. BSWML has taken up many works. But it is better to take part fully prepared, either as one unit or as five different corporations in the next survey, he added.

BSWML CEO Karee Gowda was not available for comments.

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Lights, camera, action

Public screening from January 30 across 11 screens at Cinepolis, Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar. Besides, film screenings will also be held at the Karnataka Film Artists' Association, Chamarajpet and Suchitra Film Society, Banashankari

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1. A masterclass on Editing for Emotion and Pace-Crafting a Story Through Post-Production by Sreekar Prasad
2. A session on New-Age Storytelling: How Form Shapes Emotion by Mahesh Narayanan
3. A masterclass on Sound Beyond Sight-The Art of Audiography by Bishwadeep Chatterjee
4. A session on Beyond Stereotypes - Rethinking Narrative Boundaries by Anurag Kashyap
5. The V K Murthy Annual Memorial Lecture with eminent filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli, curated by Senior Cinematographer G S Bhaskar
6. A session on Film Appreciation celebrating the legendary film critic Satish Bahadur on his centenary year, with Girish Kasaravalli, N Vidyashankar, and G S Bhaskar
7. Lectures on 'Andrzej Wajda-Centenary Tribute' and Polish Film Culture, in collaboration with the Polish Institute, New Delhi, will all be held during the 9-day festival

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

Special Screenings Celebrating 50 Years of Cinematic Journeys of the Producer Parvathamma Rajkumar, eminent director S V Rajendra Singh Babu, Girish Kasaravalli, cinematographer S Ramachandra and renowned artist Dr. Jayamala

BIFFes from Jan 29, 225 films from 70 countries to be on show

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THE 17th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on January 29 on the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha. This edition will showcase around 225 films from more than 70 countries.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, secretary to the Department of Information and Public Relations, BB Cauvery, said that festival is titled 'Stree Endare Ashthe Saake' ('Woman As She Is'), carrying the tagline 'Woman: Shared Sensibilities, A Collective Voice for Equality', which is inspired by writer GS Shivarudrappa's literary work.

One of the highlights of this year's festival is the participation and screening of over 60 films directed by women filmmakers, she added. There will be film academic events daily, including panel discussions, lectures, master classes, and interactions with experts on filmmaking, its technology, screenwriting, and the film industry.

Further, a photo exhibition showcasing the 91 Years of glorious Kannada Cinema Culture will be held at the main festival venue. That apart, centenary tributes to legendary singer, musician Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika and Egyptian film director Youssef Chahine, remembrance film screenings for the recently departed stalwarts Padma Bhushan B Saroja Devi (restored 'Amarashilpi Jakanachari' film) and M S Umesh (Golmaal Radhakrishna) will be held. "Celebrating the artistry of actor and director Shankar Nag, his directorial 'Accident', which was recently digitized, will be screened," said an official.

The valedictory will be held on February 6 at the Sulochana Theatre, and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will preside over.

Information and Public Relations Secretary BB Cauvery, actor Sadhu Kokila and others announce the highlights of the 17th BIFFes, on Wednesday | EXPRESS

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Delegate registration has commenced from January 16th on the official festival website www.biffes.org. Interested individuals can register by paying the delegate registration fee as per the festival regulations and guidelines. Individuals above 18 years are eligible to register as delegates

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE:

General Public: ₹800 | ₹400 Film industry members, film society members, students, and senior citizens

Registered delegates can collect their delegate cards after 3 days of their registration, at any one of the following venues:

- Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy, Nandini Layout
- Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, Shivananda Circle
- Cinepolis, Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar
- Suchitra Film Society, Banashankari 2nd Stage

Take a HOHO ride, check out city's heritage

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BENGALURU'S iconic double-decker buses are back on the streets, promising a nostalgic ride through the city's heritage spots. Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation's (KSTDC) Ambaari hop-on hop-off services will run five trips a day, starting 10.30am.

Tourism Minister HK Patil unveiled three double-decker buses on Wednesday. "Through this initiative, the government aims to promote tourism. The tourism opportunity to Vidhana Soudha will also increase," he said.

The service is expected to avoid skywalks, underpasses and flyovers. It may be recollected that a similar bus service was introduced by the tourism department and Bengaluru City Corporation, but was stopped due to dangling overhead cables and trees.

"We conducted dry runs for three days. There is close coordination with Bescom, Forest department and Greater Bengaluru Authority to take care of public utilities. We have started with a small loop, which will be stretched to Trinity Circle and further," KSTDC Managing Director Prashanth Kumar Mishra said.

He added that three buses have been introduced for five trips, starting Wednesday.

Tourism Minister H K Patil flags off double-decker buses as part of KSTDC's Ambaari hop-on hop-off services at Ravindra Kalakshetra on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

HERITAGE RIDE

- 3 Ambaari double-decker tourist buses to tour city
- 5 trips a day, starting 10.30am
- Buses brought from Mysuru, used during Dasara
- **Route:** Ravindra Kalakshetra to Hudson Circle (Corporation), Kasturba Road, Kanteerava Stadium, Visvesvaraya Museum, Chinnaswamy Stadium, General Post Office, Karnataka High Court, Vidhana Soudha, KR Circle and back to Ravindra Kalakshetra
- Ticket: ₹180/person

TAG FOR LAKKUNDI

On findings and excavation in Lakkundi, Patil said the government is hoping to have it declared a World Heritage Site on the lines of Hampi, Western Ghats, Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura.

"So far, 101 wells and 101 temples have been found. Further excavation will show what more the site holds. Families that have handed over treasures and findings to the government will be honoured. Lakkundi houses artefacts and sculptures of multiple dynasties, including Badami, Chalukya, Vijayanagar and Rashtrakutas," he said.

Marathahalli Bridge, for a while now, has hijacked from Silk Board the infamous title of being Bengaluru's most notorious traffic bottleneck. But on Wednesday afternoon, the flyover wore a deserted look (left) – thanks to traffic restrictions owing to the visit of Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan to an educational institution in the vicinity. However, after the VVIP movement was complete, it was back to bumper-to-bumper traffic (right) on the crucial stretch that links the IT hub of Whitefield to HAL | PIC: SNEHA KAMATH

KIA ADVISORY FOR R-DAY: ARRIVE EARLY

Bengaluru: Ahead of Republic Day, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) issued an passenger advisory on Wednesday warning of surge in passenger volume as the national holiday falls on Monday, constituting a long weekend. According to airport authorities, the situation will be compounded with the strengthening of security measures around the airport on the day. Passengers can expect procedures to slow down at the airport, and are advised to travel with plenty of time in hand. They are also advised to contact their respective airlines in case they need further assistance. ENS

KIA launches lounge for Gen Z flyers

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Wednesday launched its 'Gate Z' Lounge to cater almost exclusively to Gen Z flyers. The lounge will be at Terminal 2 (T2) of the airport, right next to the existing 080 international lounge. "Inspired by the energy of a modern high street, Gate Z features fluid pathways, social-first zones and intuitive layouts that balance interaction and pause. Curved seating, ambient lighting and interactive zones support working, unwinding, socialising or moments of solitude," according to a statement from Bangalore International Airport Ltd. ENS

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

22nd January : An Eccentric Harmony Pythagoras believed the cosmos is ordered by mathematical harmony, the heavens echoing in a perfect ratio that a human might tune into, to ascend toward clarity of soul. He also believed that beans house souls linked with hollow stems to the underworld. The cosmic conjunctions are in eccentric Aquarius, recalling how brilliant minds contain multitudes.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're not trying to be unique or edgy -- it just so happens that you resonate with topics that many people haven't even heard of yet. It will be fun and fortifying to connect with those who share your interest.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You're starting to question your fit in an organization or a particular role. You're not exactly a fish out of water, but you may be a polar bear out of Alaska. The key here is to limit your time in the environment. Take lots of breaks. Is it possible to get a vacation?

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
These are stubborn conditions, and stubborn people populate the landscape. They have something to give, but you won't know what it is until you let go of what you want it to be. So instead of needing events to line up a certain way, you let go of expectation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Socializing will be about answering the very human need to be seen and heard. Your story is an evolving one and you tell it differently depending on who is asking. Today, someone new will be curious about you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
The mood at 10 a.m. is very different from the mood at 4 p.m. -- so different, in fact, you may feel like two different people. Does it help you to know it's not an uncommon phenomenon? The world asks a lot of "a.m. you," then "p.m. you" will ask a lot of the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You'll pull off complex plans with a simple approach: jump into and execute as you go. You're also well aware that not everyone has access to experiences like this, and you'll make the most of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You're touched by what's around you and you'll reconnect with possibility and a sense of aliveness. Just remember, no one comes into their own doing whatever everyone else does. Your artful approach will set you apart in the best way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Your work will be better for the obstacles you face today. A lull will give you the chance to consider the part that you usually do automatically. This is just what you need to make things better than ever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You want a feeling you felt before, but for some reason it's not there. Don't force it. This is the new you, not the old you, and you are sensitive in other ways you have yet to learn about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
It's nice to have assistance and support, but if you don't get it today, you'll get something even better. You'll learn what you're made of. You'll dig deeper for your own true grit, which is the abiding resource that will never leave you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
The French culinary term "mise en place" will apply to your current project. Get all the elements ready for use. In cooking it means peeling, cutting and measuring your ingredients, but for your current project it's readying other resources, including your team.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Your imagination is active and responsive. You'll gather a subtle impression from a situation, then let intuition guide your decisions without overanalyzing. The day will arrange itself in supportive ways.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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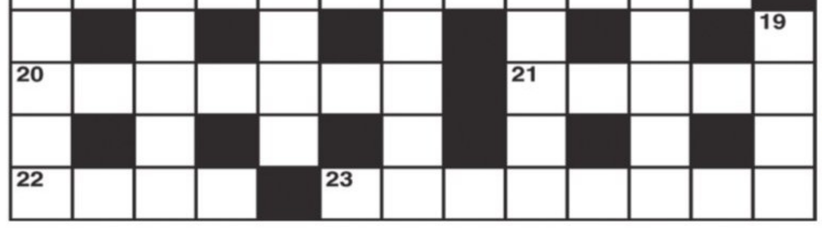
SUDOKU MEDIUM

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Union gets a nice settlement after all (8)
5 It may be played on the lawn in summer (4)
9 Scene of a towering row (5)
10 Novel articles put in case (7)
11 Where one finds prices rising constantly (7,5)
13 Ruler seen as part of America's troubles (6)
14 Usual place for a wake (6)
17 Stranded travellers' friend may be barred at inns (5,7)
20 Such games won't be covered (7)
21 Fall into part of the main current (5)
22 Doubtless it follows a plea for enjoyment (4)
23 Agree on two points then another colour (3,5)

DOWN

1 Religious house is too much for this priest (4)
2 A sailor scowls about Herculean tasks (7)
3 Initial repetition is only repetition after all (12)
4 The fashion trade (6)
6 Go beyond an open-air party (5)
7 Nevertheless netting first and last service (8)
8 Typical of sales agent in a bad mood (12)
12 On the one hand they're instrumental in cutting (8)
15 Some wear a cheerful smile in affliction (7)
16 Transport provided for those who are late (6)
18 Finally dig in (5)
19 Club for evening out (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Scratched, 8 Erica, 9 Tail off, 10 Ganges, 11 Delete, 12 Insecure, 15 Adherent, 18 Agenda, 20 Lining, 21 Topical, 22 Easel, 23 Emotional.

Down: 2 Crane, 3 Allies, 4 Caffeine, 5 Debate, 6 Ring out, 7 Mass media, 11 Defaulter, 13 Set about, 14 Chinese, 16 Rankle, 17 Mexico, 19 Drama.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

NLDBA

BTROO

TULIDE

GNULEP

I hope we have enough for this crowd.
There won't be leftovers, but we'll be fine.
THEIR THANKSGIVING DINNER INCLUDED A 20-POUND TURKEY WHICH WAS GOING TO BE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CREST WINCE MODEST DARKER
Answer: The U.S. Mint debuted the Lincoln Penny on the centennial of his birth because — IT MADE "CENTS"

The state government on Wednesday entrusted Umesh Kumar, DGP (Recruitment), Bengaluru, with concurrent charge as DGP, Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement. This comes after the suspension of DGP, (DCRE) K Ramachandra Rao, after an alleged obscene video of him went viral on social media on Monday. The state government placed him under suspension on Tuesday

Nephew doc kills couple by injecting anaesthesia drug

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

THE suspicious death of an elderly couple in Bhadravati took a dramatic turn on Tuesday (January 20) with the arrest of an Ayurvedic doctor, Mallesh, by the Bhadravathi police. Superintendent of Police B Nikhil told mediapersons that investigations revealed that Jayamma (75) and her husband Chandrappa (78), residents of the Bhootanagudi area of Bhadravati, were murdered after being administered an excessive dose of anaesthesia. The accused, Dr Mallesh, is Chandrappa's nephew.

According to the police, Mallesh, who was burdened with heavy loans, had demanded Rs 15 lakh from Chandrappa. When his uncle refused, Mallesh allegedly decided to take revenge. On Tuesday, under the pretext of treating his uncle and aunt for varicose veins, Mallesh injected them with an excessive dose of anaesthesia, causing a sudden drop in blood pressure and leading to death.

The accused reportedly made the couple lie down separately and then pawned about 80 grams of gold ornaments belonging to them. The ornaments have since been seized by the police. Mallesh allegedly used the money to clear his loan and retained Rs 50,000 in his bank account. With no immediate clues, the case initially appeared to be a natural death, the SP said. However, sustained investigation led to the arrest of the accused within 24 hours. Initially registered as a case of unnatural death, it has now been converted into a murder case. Police said Mallesh administered nearly 50 mg of anaesthesia, and the source of the drug is being investigated.The deceased couple had three children, and Mallesh was the last person to visit their house. The case was registered even before the postmortem examination. Police said Mallesh had earlier worked in two private hospitals in Shivamogga. He hails from B Beeranahalli in Holehonnur hobli. Deputy Superintendent of Police Prakash Rathod, Police Inspector Nagamma, and staff members Sunil, Halappa, Basavaraj and others were involved in the operation.

Man gets life term for killing wife in 2010

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Principal City Civil and Sessions Court has sentenced one Manjunath G to rigorous life imprisonment for murdering his wife. It has also ordered him to pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

It is unfortunate that the accused, who fell in love and married Fiona Alexander, later brutally murdered her, observed Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge M Chandrashekar Reddy, while sentencing Manjunath to rigorous life imprisonment.

Manjunath fell in love with Fiona in 2004 when she was pursuing her nursing course. Against the wishes of her parents, their marriage took place at a temple in the city in February 2004. Subsequently, her parents accepted their relationship. The accused converted to Christianity and was named Alexander. Their marriage was solemnised at a church in Valiyathura, Kerala, in August 2004.Though the couple lived and worked in Kerala for some time, they eventually returned to Bengaluru. They lived in a house at Srirampura with their son. Due to marital issues, Fiona shifted to a PG and used to visit her husband and son often. Meanwhile, Manjunath stopped working. Fiona worked in a private airline agency and supported the family.

Manjunath objected to Fiona working with the airline agency. On December 11, 2010, Manjunath, with an intention to resolve the issues, invited one Sunitha to have talks with them. When Fiona came home for talks, Manjunath demanded that she quit her job or live separately. An argument broke out between them and Manjunath threw a copper vessel at her.

He picked up the vessel again and assaulted her and stabbed her several times. He also slit her throat. Later, Manjunath and Sunitha shifted Fiona to a nearby hospital. Fiona's parents, who came from the UK, shifted her to a hospital in Kerala, where she succumbed to injuries on December 31, 2010.

Five get life imprisonment in murder case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A city sessions court has sentenced five accused to life imprisonment in connection with a murder case registered at the Parappana Agrahara police station in 2011.

The case pertains to the murder of Basavaraju, who was attacked and killed on March 21, 2011, at 9th Cross, Chennakeshava Nagar. Two others, Ashwathnarayan and Raju, sustained grievous injuries. Police had registered cases of murder and attempted murder. After completion of the trial, the 63rd Sessions Court, on January 20, found the five accused guilty and sentenced them to life imprisonment along with a fine.

The convicted are Kaddibabu, Chinnappa, Burugappa, Antony Swamy and K Srinivasa. Another accused, Ramesh, died during the trial and proceedings against him were abated. The probe was carried out by the then inspector of Parappana Agrahara police station, V K Vasudev, currently serving as Assistant Commissioner of Police, Madivala Sub-Division, along with his team. The prosecution was led by Special Public Prosecutor B Venkataraju and advocate Rani Vaidya.

R-DAY PREP

Manekshaw Parade Grounds gear up for Republic Day parade in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Trauma care centre to open at KC General Hospital in March: Dinesh Gundu Rao

Bengaluru: Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Wednesday said a well-equipped Trauma Care Centre will be inaugurated in March at KC General Hospital, Malleswaram, to cater to people from north Bengaluru and surrounding areas. The Trauma Care Centre, coming up in a newly constructed building, will have 50 beds, including 14 HDU beds, 15 ICU beds and two operation theatres. The Minister visited the hospital premises and reviewed ongoing works and issues. He said a new building is being prepared for a blood bank and for DNB academic programmes. He also announced that a modern mother-and-child hospital will be inaugurated in a new building by December this year. Steps are being taken to address staff shortages and, if necessary, doctors will be appointed on a contract basis. He urged the public to make use of the paediatric super-specialty treatment centre available at the hospital. Responding to queries on Rajeev Gowda's arrest, the Minister said if he has not been arrested, it means he is absconding, and assured that the government will take all necessary steps.

Man booked for harassing women on Church Street

Bengaluru: The Cubbon Park police are on the lookout for a man who allegedly sexually harassed a group of women on Church Street in Bengaluru. A complaint was filed by the women on Sunday. One of them also shared a video of the incident on social media, which went viral. In the video, the man is seen repeatedly putting his hand inside his pants and touching himself in full public view. Despite realising that he was being filmed, he allegedly continued the act. "I was surrounded by people and still felt completely unsafe," she said, adding that the presence of a crowd does not necessarily guarantee safety.

DOMESTIC DISPUTES END IN TWO MURDERS IN CITY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE RR Nagar police have arrested two including a 29-year-old for allegedly strangling his wife to death on suspicion of illicit relationship and staged the murder as suicide by hanging, on January 10. The deceased has been identified as Asha S. The accused, Virupaksha Gowda, who runs a chaat shop and is a resident of Chansandra and a native of Tumakuru, and his friend and helper at the chaat shop, Pundalka Jaanappa Lamani (19), a native of Vijayapura, were arrested.

The police said that Asha and Virupaksha got married about six years ago. For the past year, the couple had been having disputes, and for the last one and a half months they had been living separately and had applied for divorce. On January 10, Asha, who was staying in a rented room, was found hanging from a ceiling fan using her saree. The post-mortem report revealed that she had been strangled to death. Based on CCTV footage and other technical evidence, the police arrested the two accused on January 14.

In another case, the Bommanahalli police arrested a 40-year-old woman for allegedly stabbing her husband to death following a domestic dispute. The incident took place at their house in Hongasandra on Tuesday night.

The deceased has been identified as Murugesh (50). The accused, Lakshmi, and the deceased were both daily-wage workers. Murugesh was an alcoholic and would frequently quarrelling with his wife.During a fight, she allegedly stabbed him. He was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

EASTERN RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No. : W_LLH_24_2025-26, dated 17.01.2026. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Elect, C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from tenderers having technical capabilities for the following work : **Name of the Work :** Coach alteration in electrical system in 300 LHB coaches manufactured during 2011 & 2012 against RB LB item no. 528 of 2025-26 (WB item no. 702/2024-25) = 25 Coaches for ER. (PH-21) at C & W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah. **Approx. cost of Works:** ₹ 1,24,61,987.50. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,12,300/-. **Tender Closing date & time:** 09.02.2026 & 14.00 hrs. **Website where complete details of Tender is available: www.ireps.gov.in**
(MISC-364/2025-26)
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History
(South India Centre of Wildlife Institute of India, MoEFCC, Govt. of India)
Anaikatty, Coimbatore- 641 108
Advt. No. SACON/RES/RCTMT-ADVT-01/2026
The Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), wishes to engage **Project Scientist-II (06), Project Associate-II (06), Project Associate-I (06), Project Assistant (12), Project Scientist-II-Veterinarian (01), Senior Project Manager (01), Administrative Assistant (01), Finance Assistant (01), Computer Assistant (01) and Office Assistant-MTS (01)** (Indian Nationals only) on temporary basis to establish the Centre of Excellence for Human-Wildlife Conflict Management. For further information, please refer www.sacon.in/careers.
Head of Office

KLES DR. PRABHAKAR KORE HOSPITAL & MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE
NEHRU NAGAR BELAGAVI - 590 010.
PUBLIC NOTICE
The hospital authority is disposing – off/shredding off the medical documents of the In-patient Case Sheets of **Non-Medico Legal Cases** from the **1/07/2025 to 31/12/2025 (IP. No. 10166302 to 10214967).** Therefore, the patients/legal heirs, authorized **(persons by the patients)** who wish to keep copies of their medical documents of the above period may kindly approach the Medical Record Department of the hospital within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After this deadline, the Hospital authority will not be responsible for providing medical case sheets and so forth of the period mentioned above.
klehospital.org MEDICAL DIRECTOR

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017
EOI Notice
EOI NO: IRCON/S&T/General/EOI/2026 **dtd. 21.01.2026**
Ircon International Limited, A Navratna PSU Under Ministry of Railways, invites open Expression of Interest (EOI) from S&T experienced agencies for association as Pre-bid partner/Associate Agency/sub-contractor for the following work: -
Reputed Indian firms with experience in Railway Signaling & Telecommunication works are invited to associate with IRCON for empanelment as Pre-bid Partners/Associate Agencies/Sub-contractors/Execution Partners/JV Partner for upcoming projects in the Railway and Metro sectors.
Last Date and Time of e-Bid Submission of EOI | **17.02.2026 up to 15:00 hrs (IST)**
For further details and updates, please visit tender section on e-tender website **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**. Amendment / Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. **Chief General Manager/S&T**

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Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
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Regd and Corp Office: GRSE BHAVAN, 61, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 024
Web: www.grse.in, (CIN: L35111WB1934GOI007891)
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
NIT No.: SCC/NK/NIC/OT(P)/RENO-RNC/214/RA-3364
Dated: 19.01.2026
Sub: RENOVATION WORKS AT DEP-RANCHI UNIT
Due Date of Tender Submission: 12.02.2026 (12:30 hrs.)
Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 29.01.2026 (10:00 hrs.)
1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal **https://eprocuregrse.co.in;** Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/** and GRSE Website **https://grse.in/tender-published/**
2. Attending pre-bid meeting and site visit physically is mandatory as per SOTR.
3. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry including change in dates, if any, will be published in above websites only.
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Suratgarh Super Thermal Power Station, Suratgarh-335805
E-Tender Notice : TN-3194 CHP (RVU2526WSOB02041)
E-tenders are invited for Uploading of coal rakes, feeding of coal & coal cleaning work of coal handling system of SSTPS, Suratgarh. Tender details are available on websites **http//eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl** & **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**
Raj.Samwad/C/25/18108 RVUN/PR-4328 Addl. Chief Engineer (O&M)

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No.: IIIT-Bh/27015/07 **Date : 20.01.2026**
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE PROJECT POSITIONS
1. "Early-Stage Development of a Non-Invasive Pregnancy Diagnosis Tool for Cow using Image Analysis and Machine Intelligence" sponsored by OCAC at IIIT Bhubaneswar.
2. ISEA Phase III sponsored by MietY, Government of India at IIIT Bhubaneswar.
Walk-in Interview for the position of : Veterinary Consultant, SRF and App Developer.
Date of Interview : 30th January 2026
Interview Venue: S-108,1st Floor, IIIT Bh Guest House Building, IIIT Bhubaneswar
For further details, please visit : **https://www.iiit-bh.ac.in/category/careers/**
Sd/-
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
AT : Gothapatna, PO : Malipada, Bhubaneswar - 751003, Odisha, India, Web : www.iiit-bh.ac.in

Karnataka Forest Development Corporation Limited, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga.
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of The Divisional Manager, K.F.D.C.L., Shivamogga Division, Near R.T.O. Office, D.C. Compound, Shivamogga – 577201
dmkfdcsmg2023@gmail.com Ph.: 08182-222122
No.: K.F.D.C.L./DM/Sh/S-4/Nursery-A.W./2025-26/1139
Date: 16.01.2026
Short-Term "e"-Tender Notice
Short-Term e-Tender is invited through e-procurement for the work of growing the Seedlings in Nurseries of various Units of this Division for the year 2025-26 and for implementing the advance work in Sowing Areas for the year 2026, implementation of works of approx. Rs. 76.955 lakhs.
Last date and time for submission of "e"- Tender: 26.01.2026 up to 5.30 PM. Date and time of opening "e"- Tender: 29.01.2026 at 3.30 PM
For further information visit 'e' portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact Phone No. of this office: 08182-222122 or contact the above address during office hours.
Sd/- Divisional Manager, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/152/01/1668

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.16/I, MILLERS TANK BED AREA, BANGALORE-560 052
Ph: 080-2226 0932 / 2209 6555 / 2209 6512
E-mail: mdkfcsc@yahoo.com
No: KFCSC/PROC/TARP/09/2025-26/4032 **Date: 21.01.2026**
NOTIFICATION
Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Bengaluru invites Tender "KFCSCL/2025-26/IND0007/CALL-2" for **"Supply of Tarpaulins to District offices of KFCSC LTD.,"** from eligible suppliers/bidders. For further information kindly visit KPPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.
Sd/-
General Manager

IndusInd Bank
Embassy Heights, Block B, 3rd Floor, 13 MC. Grath Road, Bangalore-560025, Tel: (0080) 46677300.
Registered Office: 2401 Gen. Thimmayya Road, Pune-411001, India Tel.: (020) 26343201. Fax: (020) 2634 3241 Visit us at www.indusind.com, CIN: L65191PN1994PLC076333
E-Auction Sale Proclamation Notice under SARFAESI ACT 2002
Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned property is mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, being IndusInd Bank Limited, the possession of under mentioned property had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **IndusInd Bank Limited** under S. 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E- Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below.
The property described below is being sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** under the rule no. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:
Name of Borrower : Prime Marketing
Co-Borrowers/Guarantors: 1) Mr. Abdul Aleem 2) Ms. FarhaNaaz
Total Amount Due as on 31.12.2025: **Rs.1,57,04,085.99 (Rupees One Crore Fifty-Seven Lakhs Four Thousand Eighty Five and Paisa Ninety-Nine Only)**
Nature of Possession : Physical Possession : Mode of Auction: E-AUCTON
Date and time of E-Auction : 06.02.2026,11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Reserve Price:Rs.96,00,000 (Rupees Ninety-Six Lakhs Only)
EMD : Rs.9,60,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Sixty Thousand only) DD/RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005
Bid Increment : Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
Description of secured asset: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing No. 33/2, old no. 33, earlier no. 42, new BBMP khata old pid no. 48-10-33/2 situated at M. Krishnappa layout, H. Siddiah Road, 9th Cross, Bangalore- 5600027, measuring east to west 46 feet and north to south 16 feet and measuring in all 736 sqft., having common passage on the north and bounded as follows: East: By property sold to S. Naseem; West: By 9th Cross Road; North: By Common passage; South: By B.S Adinarayanna's property no. 33/1
Date of Inspection: 004/02/2026 between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Please contact Mr. Vishal Rajvansh 7903439576; Mr. Jansi Rao 9886090570.Authorised Officer Mr. Ravindar Jatothu Mob: 8688709890 ravindar.jatothu@indusind.com.
Last Date of Submission of bids (E-auction): 05/02/2026 up to 04:00 PM
This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/ guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E – Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**
Date : 20-01-2026 Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore IndusInd Bank Ltd

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kolar Division, Kolar-563101
e-mail: eepwdkolar07@gmail.com
website: www.kpwd.gov.in
e-portal: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Phone No. 08152-222022
e-tender Notification – K.W. 4 Short Term Tender notification No: 30/2025-26 Dt. 20.01.2026
Tender is invited through e-Procurement for works in the limits of KGF Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the PWD Registered Contractors under H/A: 4059-CMIDP Estimate cost : 700.00 Lakhs EMD Amount: mentioned in KPP Portal, Period for completion of work: 11 months. Contractors may download the tender documents KW- 4 from Karnataka State Procurement portal **(viz., htpp://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before **16.00 hours. on 03.02.2026** through Karnataka State Procurement portal. Tenders received will be opened after **16.30 hours on 04.02.2026** in KPP portal. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact KPP portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.
Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in KPP portal only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kolar
DIPR/KOLAR/RO:455/KSMCA/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGCO25521)
No.506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(P)C/EE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/F-20/4000-08
Dated: 21-01-2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(MANUAL MODE TENDER ONLY)
Sealed Quotations in duplicate are invited for the following work in **Tr. (Projects), Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi**.
Providing 01 No. of Vehicle Driver to the Tr. (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi on Contract basis for a period of one year. Blank tender forms can be obtained at the **office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr. (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi,** during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 **p.m.** on payment of Rs.500/- + 25/- Tax, Total of Rs.525/- from **23.01.2026 to 10.02.2026** for Tender form. (The tender form will not be sent through post and is not transferable).
1. Calendar of events: a) Receiving of requisition forms : **23.01.2026 to 10.02.2026 up to 4.00 p.m. b)** Issue of blank Tender forms: from **23.01.2026 to 10.02.2026 up to 4.00 p.m. c)** Last date for receipt of completed sealed Tenders: **13.02.2026 up to 1:00 p.m. d)** Opening of Tender: on **13.02.2026 at 3:00 p.m.** or as intimated by us. **2.** The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all quotation without assigning any reason. **3.** More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours on working days.
Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr. (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Nehrunagar, Belagavi.

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India
SUBRAMANYAPURA BRANCH
Opp. Subramanyapura Police Station, Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560 061.
Ph. : 080 - 26391404. E-Mail : bmbang1240@centralbank.bank.in
POSSESION NOTICE UNDER [RULE 8(1)] SARFAESI RULE
Whereas, the **Authorized Officer of the Central Bank of India, Avenue Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 14-11-2025** calling upon the borrower **Sri. Shivprasad N S/o. C Nagaraju & Sri. Nagaraju C S/o. C. Chowdaiah,** R/o. at No. 52, 11th A Cross, BTS Layout, Bagalgunte Village, Siddenahalli Main Road, Bangalore - 560073 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 52,48,879.42/-(Rupees Fifty two Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Rupees and Forty Two Paisa only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 14.11.2025),** plus interest and other charges **from 14.11.2025** to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **17th day of January 2026.**
The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **Central Bank of India,** for the amount of **Rs. 52,48,879.42/-(Rupees Fifty two Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Rupees and Forty Two Paisa only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 14.11.2025),** plus interest and other charges **from 14.11.2025.**
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No. 52, Assessment No. 101, Old V.P. Katha No. 1630, Situated at Bagalakunte Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Originally Measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South 50 Feet, Present available physical Measurement : East to West 27 feet and North to South 43 feet, Totally Measuring 1161 Sq. Feet, and bounded on the :- **East By :** Remaining portion of site No. 52, **West By :** Site No. 53, **North By :** Road, **South by :** Pvt. Property. **In all measuring a total extent of 1161 Sq.Ft.**
Date : 17.01.2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Place : Bengaluru Central Bank of India, Subramanyapura Branch

A case has been registered against RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat for allegedly delivering an inflammatory speech during a programme held at a private college campus in. According to the complaint filed by Puttur resident Ramachandra K, the incident allegedly took place on January 12, when Bhat allegedly addressed students and parents gathered at the event

IF GUV SKIPS SESSION, STATE GOVT COULD TAKE ISSUE TO SC

● TN, Kerala Governors too did constitutional duty ● Gehlot, Siddu govt deadlocked over MGNREGA ● Govt continuously spewing venom against Centre, says BYV

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE standoff between Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and the Congress government over the issue of the Central government replacing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G), is likely to push the state into a constitutional crisis.

After calling on the Governor, a delegation led by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil reportedly met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and briefed him that Governor Gehlot was insisting on the removal of certain paragraphs of the speech prepared by the cabinet.

It is not known what the Chief Minister's decision is, but depending on the Governor's move on Thursday, the State government is likely to move the Supreme Court, sources said.

"As of now, there is no situation as such, it will only be known on Thursday whether the issue will lead to a constitutional crisis. The Governor is a senior leader with experience and full knowledge of the Constitution which he will adhere to," remarked CM's legal adviser and Virajpet MLA AS Ponnanna. He was part of the delegation that met the governor to convince him to address the session. He reiterated that as per Article 176(1) of the Constitution, the governor shall address the session and there is no precedent as such, of any governor in the country refusing to address the session in toto after Independence. Even the governors of Tamil Nadu and Kerala did address the session, though they skipped certain content, despite having reservations about the speech prepared by the state governments, he added.

Ponnanna also informed that the Governor did not agree on the argument that MGNREGA was repealed.

Former advocate-general of

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah | FILE PHOTO

Karnataka Ashok Haranahalli said the onus of settling the issue is also on the government. "Why is the government insisting that the Governor read content criticising the Centre? It would amount to using the constitutional head to level charges against the Centre politically. The government should set right the issue amicably. If at all it has to criticise the Centre, it can do so in the session, not only through the Governor's speech. If the government moves court over the issue, it shows its helplessness in resolving the issue," he told a private television channel.

It all started with the Siddaramaiah cabinet resolving to oppose VB-G RAM G, alleging that the new Act will take away labourers' right to employment, besides curtailing the powers of Gram Panchayats. It initially planned a two-day special session which was eventually tweaked to a regular joint session of legislature for technical reasons, a s the Governor addresses the first session of the year. Incidentally, the Congress led by Leader of Oppoisition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and his counterpart in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjuna Kharge, had launched 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' across the country. In Karnataka, the party has been gearing up to launch the same soon.

Guv objected only to govt's attempt to spread false, misleading info: Vijayendra

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KARNATAKA BJP president BY Vijayendra on Wednesday demanded that the State Government allow the special session of the Legislature to be held under a healthy democratic system and a positive federal structure, without incorporating points critical of the Union Government in the Governor's address.

In a release, Vijayendra said there is no opposition to the Governor delivering his address. However, the Governor has objected only to the State Government's attempt to spread false and misleading information and to use the address to carry out propaganda against the Centre, Vijayendra said.

He said that the State Government has been continuously indulging in propaganda against Central schemes. "It is unfortunate and unconstitutional that even the Governor, who holds a Constitutional post, is being used for such propaganda," he said, adding that for the Congress government, politics of hatred seems to matter more than public development. At least after the Governor's decision, the Congress government should correct its course, he said.

The Congress, which claims to strongly advocate federalism, is misusing the Legislative Assembly in Karnataka, Vijayendra said, adding that the government, while claiming to uphold the Constitution and federal structure, has been continuously spewing venom against the Centre and betraying the people of the state.

Guv not representative of any party: Mahadevappa

Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa said a Governor is not a representative of any political party but Constitutional authority entrusted with safeguarding the interests of the state and its people. Mahadevappa said the Governor functions as the nominal head of the state executive and is bound by Constitutional conventions. "Delivering the address prepared by the elected government is a Constitutional obligation of Governor. It is not a favour extended to the government," he said.
Mahadevappa pointed out that the speech is drafted and approved by the State Council of Ministers. "A Governor cannot refuse to deliver the address merely because it contains criticism of the Centre."

'11 PARAGRAPHS IN QUESTION COULD BE MODIFIED, BUT NOT DROPPED'

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The law minister said the governor expressed reservations after the Chief Secretary sent the draft, following which the latter consulted Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

"The chief secretary has conveyed the outcome to the governor," Patil said.

Patil's delegation conveyed to Governor Gehlot that the 11 paragraphs in question could be modified, but not dropped. "Should we not be the voice of the people of the state with regard to injustice meted out to Karnataka by the Centre's stance on policies. The rights of the farmers and farm labourers were withdrawn by replacing MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G. We cannot drop the paragraphs as it amounts to going against the decision of the (state) cabinet," Patil said.

The session, which is scheduled to continue till January 31, was called by the Congress government, especially to debate the repeal of MGNREGA, and is expected to be a stormy one with intense debates and pandemonium.

A few days ago, the cabinet decided to wage a legal battle against the VB-G RAM G Act after deciding not to accept it, in line with the Congress' nationwide 'Save MGNREGA' campaign. The ruling Congress plans to pass a resolution during this session against the Union government for repealing MGNREGA, which is expected to be vehemently opposed by the BJP-JDS opposition.

This is the third gubernatorial controversy in two consecutive days in three neighbouring non-BJP-ruled states. On Tuesday, Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi staged a walk-out of the assembly on the opening day of 2026's inaugural session, alleging that the text of his customary address, curated by the DMK government, contained "inaccuracies". On the same day, in Kerala, Governor Rajendra V Arlekar's address was flagged by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over the former's "omissions" and "alterations" to the text, parts of which were critical of the Centre but approved by the Kerala cabinet.

Viksit Bharat will not dictate, will not be dominated: V-P

Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Sri Siddalinga Mahaswami at the seventh 'Samsmaranothsava' of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

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INDIA has set a goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 to emerge as a powerful nation, not to dictate or dominate other nations, but to ensure that others don't dictate terms to Mother Bharat, said Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan. He was speaking at the silver jubilee celebrations of CMR Institute of Technology here on Wednesday. He noted that India is no longer an adopter of technology, and has emerged an innovator in the world, while attempting to become self-reliant.

Recalling India's role in the Covid-19 pandemic, he said, "India developed its own vaccine successfully and it was purely because PM Modi trusted the efficiency of scientists. This innovation filled us with confidence driving our research activities and we continue to be self-reliant. Initiatives such as Digital India, Startup India and Make in India have provided a favourable ecosystem for startups."

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> Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan

'Students, Prof must be ready for change'

Appreciating the 25 years of service in education by CMRIT and new incubation centre, the Vice-President said, "Technology is advancing every day -- jobs and skills that existed in the previous year might become irrelevant in the coming years. There is a big change coming up, students and professors need to equip themselves to adapt to these dramatic and drastic changes in the field of science and technology. Teachers must mentor minds, ignite curiosity and shape students' character."

'Say no to drugs'

Radhakrishnan also urged students to be louder when they say no to drugs. "Three days ago, we did a campaign against substance and drug abuse in Delhi University. And I want this university to join us in solidarity to say no to drugs. We shouldn't allow drugs to spoil the youngsters of this nation."

He also asked students to be careful while using social media. "Any invention and technology will have both positive and negative impacts. It doesn't mean we shouldn't be using social media, but don't let it control or occupy your mind."

He inaugurated the auditorium and an incubation centre on the college campus, along with Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. Dr Sabitha Ramamurthy, CMR Jnanadhara Trust, and Chancellor, CMR University, Dr KC Ramamurthy, Chairman, CMR Group of Institutions, and other dignitaries were present.

'PM Modi revived Hindu consciousness'

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Tumakuru

Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan on Wednesday said PM Narendra Modi has revived Hindu consciousness in the country.

The Vice-President, while taking part in the seventh 'Samsmaranothsava' of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt, said the Prime Minister has succeeded in harmonising 'vikas' and 'virasat' with people progressing materially while remaining spiritually anchored.

"The revival of Hindu consciousness under the leadership of Modi is about the dignity of knowing who we are, where we come from, and what values guide us forward," he said. Institutions such as Siddaganga Mutt, he said, plays a vital role in keeping society spiritually anchored while contributing to education, health, social harmony and nation building. Remembering Swamiji,regarded as 'walking god' who lived 111 years, as a beacon of compassion, sacrifice and selfless service Radhakrishnan said that although seven years have passed since Swamiji attained 'samadhi', time has only deepened his relevance.

"In an age marked by uncertainty, division and restless ambition, Swamiji's life continues to serve as a moral compass, guiding society to choose humanity over self-interest," he said.

"Lakhs of children from the poorest families, cutting across caste, community and region, have received education, food and shelter at the Mutt not as charity, but as a right, offered with dignity and love," he said.

"True homage to Swamiji lies in educating one more child, feeding one more hungry soul, and standing with one more person in need. If society walks this path, the Swamiji will remain a living presence shaping India's future," he said. Earlier, the Vice-President offered prayers at the sacred 'gadduge' of Swamiji and interacted with children.

Ashoka slams Congress over ballot papers

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LoP in Assembly and senior BJP leader **R Ashoka** on Wednesday said that the Congress government in the state opting to hold elections to the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) using ballot papers instead of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) reflects fear of losing the polls and insecurity in the party.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, Ashoka claimed that there are differences of opinion within the Congress on moving to ballot papers. "EVMs were introduced when Dr Manmohan Singh was the PM. Now, the Congress is opposing it because they are losing (elections)," he said.

Ashoka said the Congress government has attempted to obstruct the Union Government's VB-G RAM G Act by convening a special session. Ashoka said that through the VB-G RAM G Act, PM Modi has ensured that genuine beneficiaries receive the wages.

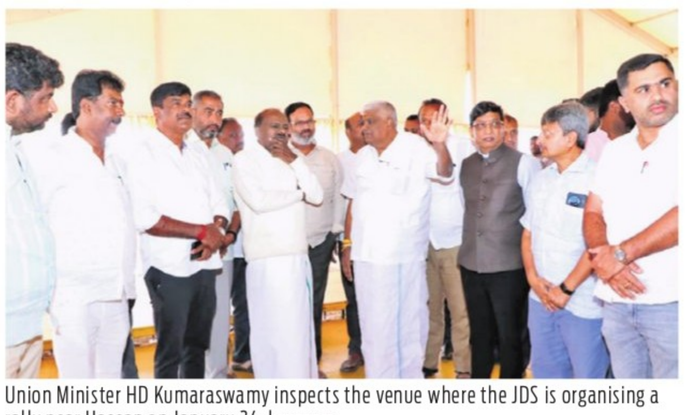
Siddu has no moral right to hold AHINDA rallies, says Kumaraswamy

BR UDAYA KUMAR @ Hassan

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy on Wednesday alleged that the State Government has denied scholarships to over 1.64 lakh students belonging to Backward Classes, and hence, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has no moral right to hold AHINDA rallies. Kumraswamy was in Hassan to inspect the site where the JDS is organising a mammoth workers' rally on January 24. Kumaraswamy, who is also the JDS state president, accused the CM of betraying students from the AHINDA communities to save his chair.

Reacting sharply to the case filed against Devadurga JDS MLA Karemma Nayak, Kumaraswamy said that it "shows the disgraceful conduct of the State Government." "The MLA has been facing a series of humiliations from the government," he added. He said that the law and order situation has completely collapsed in the state, as MLAs are being threatened and bureaucrats are acting in a highhanded manner.

"There is rampant corruption. The leadership issue is the only issue the CM is worried about. The CM is making futile attempts to remain in power taking advantage of the AHINDA communities," he said,adding that the Congress has hatched a conspiracy to finish off the JDS politically by holding rallies in Hassan, the JDS stronghold.



Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy inspects the venue where the JDS is organising a rally near Hassan on January 24 | EXPRESS

On alliance with BJP

Kumaraswamy said that the JDS has decided to face the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Authority, zilla and taluk panchayat and gram panchayat elections in an alliance with the BJP. A final decision will be taken after discussing the pros and cons with senior leaders in JDS and BJP. He doesn't know in which context JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda said that the JDS will fight urban local body polls independently. He also criticised the Congress government for deciding to use ballot paper in GBA polls. The Congress won 136 seats in 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections... the election was conducted using EVMs," he said.

The State Government has suspended DGP Ramachandra Rao over the obscene video, he said, adding that the State Government encourages such senior police officers by neglecting their attitude as the government has no control over the bureaucrats.

Newly-appointed Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha chief Khandre meets Kharge, CM

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IN a whirlwind day blending political outreach and spiritual homage, Forest Minister **Eshwar Khandre** — freshly anointed as the national president of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha — held pivotal meetings with All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, separately.

These high-stakes discussions, occurring amid whispers of larger electoral representation for the community, underscore Khandre's emerging role as a bridge between the Lingayat community and the Congress leadership.

It is no secret that Lingayat representation in the Karnataka legislature has dwindled dramatically — from a peak of 92 members in the 1970s to just 55-56 today. As Karnataka's largest demographic bloc, wielding decisive influence in over 100 Assembly seats, the community has long clamoured for greater political heft.

Khandre, a staunch Lingayat advocate within the Congress fold, is poised to champion this cause, potentially leveraging his new Mahasabha presidency to rally support and negotiate more tickets or portfolios ahead of future polls. Capping the day, Khandre paid an emotional tribute to the late Dr Shivakumara Mahaswamiji on his seventh death anniversary at the Mahasabha headquarters. Hailing the revered seer as a global guru whose teachings transcend borders, Khandre emphasised the Swamiji's legacy in education, social welfare, and religious unity. These themes strike a chord in today's polarized landscape, where community identities often ignite electoral fires.

The event, adorned with floral tributes and reflective addresses, arrives as Lingayats grapple with identity debates-Veerashaiva versus Lingayat distinctions that have fractured alliances in past elections. By invoking the Swamiji's unifying mantra that "Veerashaiva and Lingayat are not separate; all are one, and Parashiva is the father of all," Khandre appears to be forging cultural solidarity, a savvy ploy to consolidate votes amid BJP's historical hold on the community. Recalling the centenarian Swamiji's transformation of Siddaganga Mutt into a beacon of learning — a "seat of Saraswati"— Khandre lauded his "threefold dasoha" of shelter, food, and education, benefiting millions across divides.

As head of the 122-year-old Mahasabha, founded by Hangalu Kumareshwara, the seer embodied boundless giving like "Kamadhenu and Kalpavriksha." Khandre highlighted innovative Shivaratri fairs where farmers learned modern agriculture, addressing ongoing rural distress.

In a broader reflection, Khandre noted that commemorating such luminaries isn't mere ritual but a call to embody their ideals — unity and service— in a nation torn between modernisation and tradition. This philanthropic model, free of sectarianism, offers a blueprint for inclusive policies amid rising inequality. Attendees included MLA BR Patil, Mahasabha secretary Renuka Prasanna, and state general secretary Sagaranahalli Nataraj.

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A man was brutally murdered by his friends in Kalluru village of Holenarasipur taluk in Hassan on Tuesday night. The deceased has been identified as Ganesha (46). According to police, the accused Sudhir and Ashoka allegedly stabbed Ganesha multiple times over a trivial issue

Natural farming boosts women's livelihoods, says minister

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MINISTER for Medical Education, Skill Development, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Dr Sharanaprakash R Patil on Wednesday said natural farming must evolve into a sustainable and dignified livelihood, with women playing a central role.

He was speaking at the National Conference on Natural Farming, jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and the Karnataka Department of Livelihood and Entrepreneurship in Bengaluru. Patil said the State government has accorded high priority to livelihood generation, particularly for women, by promoting chemical-free and low-cost farming practices. He noted that women are emerging as a dominant force in Karnataka's natural farming movement, driving change at the grassroots level.

Under the Karnataka State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM)–Sanjeevini, women self-help groups (SHGs) are actively practising natural farming and leading allied enterprises. Many women have been trained as Krushi Sakhis and community resource persons, while others are engaged in bio-input production, processing and value addition, he said.

Highlighting the scale of the initiative, Patil said over 5.26 lakh SHG members have been trained in soil health management, climate-resilient agriculture, branding and market linkages, creating skilled rural employment and improving incomes.

Karnataka attracts data centre investments at Davos

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Large and Medium Industries Minister M B Patil with Shri Raju Vegesna, Chairman and Managing Director of Sify Technologies in Davos on Wednesday | x

LARGE and Medium Industries Minister M B Patil, who is in Davos to participate in the World Economic Forum, on Tuesday said Sify Technologies is set to inaugurate a new data centre facility in Karnataka shortly, while Bharti Enterprises has expressed interest in setting up a data centre in the State. A State delegation comprising Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Minister M B Patil held a series of high-level meetings with global corporations, technology firms and academic institutions, highlighting Karnataka's execution capability, strong talent pool and investor-friendly ecosystem.

"Sify Technologies highlighted Karnataka's central role in its growth journey. The company has made significant investments in data centres in Bengaluru and is set to inaugurate a new facility shortly. Discussions also covered the possibility of developing data centres in Tier-2 cities across Karnataka to promote balanced regional growth, leveraging improved connectivity, power availability and infrastructure," Patil said.

The Minister said Rajan Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, noted that the diversified conglomerate has already made cumulative investments of around Rs 13,000 crore in Karnataka. He added that Mittal expressed interest in setting up a data centre in the State, with discussions focusing on land availability, water requirements and supporting infrastructure.

Patil said talks were also held with Mistral AI, a fast-growing French AI company, on establishing a Global Capability Centre or R&D facility in Bengaluru through a phased approach, starting with engineering teams and later expanding into advanced research.

The delegation also met Jacob Aarup-Andersen, Chief Executive Officer of Carlsberg Group. "Carlsberg informed that it is implementing an investment of around Rs 350 crore towards bottling capacity in Karnataka, as committed during GIM 2025, and indicated plans for further expansion," Patil said, adding that the company expressed satisfaction with its operations in the State. PayPal Holdings Inc. highlighted Karnataka's importance in its global operations, employing over 4,000 regular and 1,500 contractual staff in the State. The company expressed interest in collaborating with the government on AI-focused reskilling and upskilling programmes and in supporting startups through seed funding, Patil said.

The high-level delegation includes S Selvakumar, Principal Secretary, and Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner, Department of Industries, among others.

PILGRIMAGE TURNS TRAGIC

Leopard mauls man to death in MM Hills

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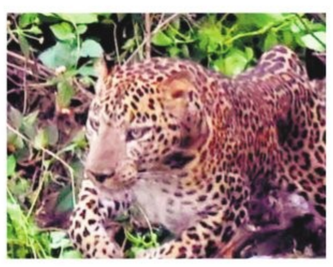
A PILGRIMAGE to Male Mahadeshwara (MM) Hills ended in tragedy after a leopard attacked and killed a man in the Talubetta (foothills) forests, triggering widespread concern among devotees and local residents. The deceased Praveen was part of a group of pilgrims undertaking the annual padayatra to MM Hills.

The fatal attack occurred late Tuesday night when the devotees were walking along the roadside through a forest stretch near Talubetta. The group had begun their journey on foot from Cheeranahalli village in Mandya district.

According to preliminary reports, the group noticed a leopard perched on a roadside retaining wall. As the devotees scattered in different directions, Praveen went missing.



When he failed to return, his companions searched the surrounding area and later found bloodstains near the spot where he was last seen. Unable to trace him, they alerted the forest department and police.

A joint search operation was launched on Wednesday morning by forest officials and police. After several hours, Praveen's body was found inside a deep gorge, with the leopard feeding on it. Officials said the leopard had mauled him, inflicting severe injuries to the neck, chest and head, and dragged the body nearly 1km into the forest.

Due to the absence of crackers or firearms, forest and police personnel found it difficult to drive the animal away before retrieving the body. Chamarjaanagar DC Sri Roopa has ordered a ban on trekking and padayatra and also travelling via bike to Male Mahadeshwara Hills temporarily until the leopard is captured. DCF of MM Hills Wildlife Division Bhaskar said earlier, only during Shivaratri and Deepavali months, devotees would walk during the night but now many devotees undertake the pilgrimage to MM Hills on foot even during night hours.

EXPRESS READ

Haryana man held for stalking fitness trainer

Bengaluru: The Women's Police Station of the South Division has arrested a man for allegedly stalking and sexually harassing a female fitness trainer online. The accused, Sudhir Kumar, is a native of Haryana. The 34-year-old complainant, also a native of Haryana said that the accused came to Bengaluru on January 12 from Haryana and enquired about her with her friends at a gym in Banashankari 3rd Stage. Last year, when she visited her family in Haryana, the accused also visited them, during which he noticed her. He later contacted her online and allegedly began harassing her by sending obscene messages.

111 auto drivers fined for not updating meters

Bengaluru: The Department of Legal Metrology has penalised over 100 autorickshaws across the city for non-compliance with the revised minimum fare, during a three-day special enforcement drive from January 19. Speaking to TNIE on Wednesday, a senior official said 376 autorickshaws were inspected during the drive. Of these, 111 autos were fined for failing to recalibrate their meters to reflect the revised minimum fare of Rs 36 and Rs 18 per additional kilometre, which came into effect on August 1, 2025. The official noted that the initial deadline was October 31, 2025, but was later extended to December 31, 2025, due to poor response from autorickshaw operators.

No bar on degree certificates for doctors pending compulsory service: Govt

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THE Karnataka government has issued a clarification on the implementation of the Karnataka Compulsory Service by Candidates Completed Medical Courses Act, 2012, resolving long-standing confusion over medical registration, degree certificates and retention of original documents.

The Health and Family Welfare Department clarified that there is no restriction under the Act on issuing final degree certificates or course completion certificates to medical graduates who are required to undergo compulsory service.

Addressing grievances raised by postgraduate students, the government stated that colleges cannot withhold original documents submitted at the time of PG admission. The return of original certificates has no linkage with compulsory service, as the Act does not permit colleges to retain candidates' documents.

The order further clarified that candidates who have not completed compulsory service may be granted temporary or conditional registration, enabling them to treat patients and prescribe medicines independently. The Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) will issue such registrations with a clear condition that candidates must report for compulsory service when called upon. Failure to comply may result in action, including the removal of the candidate's name from the KMC register. The government also announced that candidates will no longer be required to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Health and Family Welfare Department for registration purposes. It noted that the KEA already obtains an undertaking or bond from candidates during counselling, eliminating the need for any additional bond.

Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat Shivamogga
Office of The Executive Engineer,
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No.: EE/PRE/DS/S&H/Sagara/KW-3&4/AE/JE/2025-26/2545 Date: 19.01.2026

Tender Notice (Through "K.P.P.P.")

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Divison, Sagara invites Itemwar e-Tender subject to KW-3&4 (Standard Tender Document) Rules from eligible, contractors registered in Public Works Department and Registered in "K.P.P.P." Institution for the works under State Disaster Mitigation Fund (S.D.M.F.) for the year 2025-26 and 5054 Rain Relief Scheme for the year 2024-25 coming in the jurisdiction of this Division.

1. Date for downloading Tender Form from: 20.01.2026 to 30.01.2026 **2**. Last date to submit Tender Form: 30.01.2026, 16.00 Hrs. **3**. Date of opening bid: 31.01.2026, 16.01 Hrs

1. General Works: 22564, 22555, 22575, 22595, 22609, 22730, 22738 **2. Category SC works :** 22599, 22268

For details of "K.P.P.P." website tender contact the office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Sagara and can be viewed in "K.P.P.P." website (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) and can be downloaded. Further information can be obtained from the concerned case worker of this office on phone No. 08183-226064 during office hours or contact helpdesk phone No.: 080-25501216, 25501227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Sagara

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No: KERC/DD(Tariff)/2025-26/1485 Date: 19.01.2026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission had published the **Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Roadmap for Reducing Cross - Subsidy and Cross Subsidy Surcharge) Regulations, 2025** in the Karnataka Gazette on 18.12.2025, inviting comments / views / suggestions / objections, if any, on the draft Regulations from the stake holders / interested persons and had also hosted the same on the Commission's Website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in.**

The Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the matter **at 3.00 PM on 03.02.2026 in the 1st Floor, Court Hall of the Commission, #16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru-560052.** Interested persons / stakeholders / public may participate in the "Public Hearing" and make their oral / written submissions before the Commission.

Sd/- Secretary
DIPR/CP/YC/5143/2025-26 For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Ref:SJICR/TS/ 45 /2025-26 Date: 21-01-2026

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender for the following items in two bid system from eligible tenderers through KPP portal of Government of Karnataka:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No./ Indent No.	Particulars
1.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0042 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Drug Items for the Department of Cardiology & C T Surgery.
2.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0043 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Drug Items for the Department of Anesthesiology.
3.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0044 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Biochemistry.
4.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0045 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Pathology.
5.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0046 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Microbiology.
6.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0047 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for Blood Centre.
7.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0048 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Radiology.
8.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0039 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables- Non Drugs i.e Catheters, PTCA Guide Wires, PTCA Balloons, Sterile Disposables, Temporary Pacing Leads etc for the Department of Cardiology
9.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0038 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables- Non Drugs i.e Diagnostic Catheters, Sheaths, Guide wires, Contrast Media etc for the Department of Cardiology.
10.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0037 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables Non Drugs for the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery.
11.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0034 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables Non Drugs for the Department of Anesthesiology.
12.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0041 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables - Non Drugs for the Department of CSSD.
13.	SJICR/2025-26/ IND0040 Dt. 21-01-2026	Supply of Disposables - Non Drugs for the Department of Electrophysiology.

1. The tenderers can download the documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **28-01-2026** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **26-02-2026 up to 4-00 PM.**
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **05-02-2026 at 11-30 AM.**
3. Date of Technical Bid opening: **27-02-2026 at 4-00 PM.**
4. EMD: **as mentioned in the tender document**
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/5144/2025-26 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commssionerate of Agriculture
Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001

No. SFS/AO-2/25/2025-26 Dated:21-01-2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Request for Proposal for empanelment of Seed Suppliers for Supply of Seeds to Departmental Programmes during Kharif 2026---reg.

Request for Proposal are invited from the reputed Seed Producing agencies or their authorized agencies for supply of Certified/TL seeds of Paddy, Maize, Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, Minor Millets, Redgram, Blackgram, Greengram, Cowpea, Groundnut, Soybean, Castor, Horsegram, Avare, Cotton and Sunflower for Kharif 2026. This Request for Proposal is invited for sourcing the required quantities of seeds on consignment basis.

The interested supplier can download the Request for Proposal document through e-Procurement website free of cost. The seed supplier intending to participate in this empanelment have to register at e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, 4th Floor, Sri Arvinda Bhavan, Mythic Society Compound, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560001 and obtain the DSC key or e-token.

The Request for Proposal documents are available from the **date:21-01-2026** on e-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Request for Proposal No. **AD/2025-26/IND195** The last date for submission of this Request for Proposal through online is **23-02-2026** up to 5.00 P.M.

Technical bid will be opened through online at **11.00 A.M. on 25-02-2026 at Samruddhi Meeting Hall,** Department of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/5137/CCL/2025-26 **Director of Agriculture**

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Tender Notice No. : PR 20/2026

Bihar School Examination Board invites e-tenders under two bid system from reputed Service Providers/ Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for **"Set up and Operate Hybrid (Online /Offline) Examination Centre on Revenue Sharing Model at Block-A &B, Bapu Pariksha Parisar, Kumhrar, Patna."** Detailed tender document including eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions are available on the website **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**.

Tender Schedule

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/ Download Date of Tender Documents	**From: 24/01/2026 (16:00 Hrs.) to 14/02/2026 (16:00 Hrs.)** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
BSEB will arrange a site survey visit for prospective bidders at Bapu Pariksha Parishar	**30/01/2026 (from 11:30 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs.)**
Pre-Bid Meeting (online/offline)	**31/01/2026 at 11:30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for Submission/ uploading of Online Bid	**14/02/2026 up to 16:00 Hrs.** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Last Date and Time for submission of EMD instrument in Hard Copy/Original	**16/02/2026 up to 13:00 Hrs.**
Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	**16/02/2026 at 14:00 Hrs** (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced later by competent authority.
Cost of the Tender Document	**₹5,900/-** (Five Thousand Nine Hundred Rupees) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Processing Fee	**₹3,540/-** (Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Rupees) (Non-Refundable)
Earnest Money	**₹5,00,000/-** (Five Lakh Rupees) (Refundable)

- Contact Details: **Nodal Officer : +916299923095, E-Mail ID: eproc.bseb@gmail.com / eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in**
- Prospective bidders are advised to request on mail for visit the premises of Bapu Pariksha Parisar before pre bid meeting.
- **Note:** Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ cancel/ reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**. Corrigendum/ Amendments etc., if any, will be notified on this portal only and no separate advertisement will be made. **Secretary**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.83,30,907/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven only)** as on **15-04-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **16-04-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, No.124, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, JNC Road, KHB Colony, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. Also at, M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, 4th Cross, No.82, Ground Floor, 7th Block, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore - 560095. No.2) Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.142, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. No.3) Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.142, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty)

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing K. No. 323/24, Situated at Hulimangla Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 43 Feet and on the Southern Side 61 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Total 2,080 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : The Property No.25, North by : The Property No.23, South by : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.47,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Seven Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
10-02-2026	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** 92, Z Square, Ground Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell Nos.9342874657, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch, 92, Z Square, Ground Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell Nos. 9342874657, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST, if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 20-01-2026 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

Anganwadi workers in Kodagu, who have not been paid their salaries for three consecutive months, are now going to work at coffee estates to make ends meet, said District Anganwadi Workers' Association President Sumitra. She said the teachers and helpers are struggling as they have to attend many programmes and office meetings related to their Anganwadi work

B'luru MVI suspended over illegal fitness certificates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE TRANSPORT Department has suspended Nissar Ahmed, a senior Motor Vehicle Inspector at the Regional Transport Office (RTO), Bengaluru (Central), for illegally issuing fitness certificates to 41 Gujarat-registered vehicles without physical inspection.

The action follows directions from Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy after the Gujarat Transport Department flagged the irregularity. Data from the e-detection portal revealed that the vehicles were issued Form-38(A) fitness certificates in Karnataka while they were recorded passing through toll plazas in Gujarat on the same day.

Gujarat Transport Department's e-Detection Team found that 41 vehicles were issued Form-38(A) (Fitness Certificates) at RTO offices in Karnataka, but on the same day, these vehicles were found passing through toll plazas in Gujarat. The Gujarat transport authorities said the approvals were granted by Nissar Ahmed.

An internal inquiry confirmed through the Vahan 4.0 software that the fitness certificates were renewed at the RTO, Bengaluru (Central), and that the vehicles had not been physically inspected. This violation of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules amounted to serious dereliction of duty and led to his suspension.

From February 2, a geo-fenced M-Fitness App will be introduced across the state. The app will mandate the physical presence of vehicles, GPS-tagged photographs and recording of location coordinates.

BNS Section 69 shouldn't be used to criminalise consensual sex, says HC

Court quashes case against lawyer by mother of two for refusal to marry after sexual relationship

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court said that Section 69 of BNS criminalises sexual intercourse by employing deceitful means, including a promise of marriage, without the intention of fulfilment. The provision, though newly introduced, cannot be interpreted in a manner that allows it to become an instrument of retroactive criminalisation of consensual relationships upon the mere recital of "promise", the court added.

"The statute punishes deceit, not disappointment; fraud, not failed affection; and exploitation, not the collapse of the relationship", said Justice M Nagaprasanna, passing the order on January 19 while quashing the criminal proceedings initiated against a lawyer and his family members by a mother of two children, alleging that the lawyer had a physical relationship on the promise of marriage, but he did not, and his family members supported him instead of allowing him marry her.

Recalling the complaint lodged with the Byadarahalli police station in 2024, the court said it is difficult to discern where the offence under Section 69 could even spring. The complainant, on her own showing and on admitted records, appears to have been married or associated in other relationships and to have children. In such circumstances, the allegation of sexual intercourse, induced solely on the promise of marriage, is inherently implausible and legally unsustainable; consequently, neither Section 69 BNS nor Section 64 BNS (Section 376 of the IPC) can be attracted, the court said.

The court further stated that the offence under Section 89 of the BNS is also not made out.

What then remains is Section 318(2) of the BNS (Section 420 of the IPC), even that cannot be invoked merely because a relationship did not culminate in marriage. The settled position of law is that, breach of a promise to marry, howsoever morally questionable, is not per se cheating in the criminal sense, unless dishonest intention at the inception is established, which is conspicuously absent in the case at hand.

Referring to the birth certificates of the children of the complainant born out of an earlier marriage, the court said how the complainant could credibly assert that she consented to sexual relationship on a "promise of marriage" when she appears to have been in a subsisting marital relationship or at the very least, in a continuing domestic association, and is also mother of two children, one about 13 years old and the other about 4 years.

The court further said that the complaint is not a genuine criminal grievance, but bears a strong imprint of manipulation and of an attempt to convert private discord into public prosecution. This court cannot permit the criminal process to be employed as an engine of harassment or a weapon of retaliation and become an abuse of the process of the law, eventually resulting in miscarriage of justice, the court added.

Sriramulu regrets naming minor rape survivor at rally

Ballari: Former minister and BJP leader B Sriramulu on Wednesday expressed regret and tendered an apology for revealing the name and details of a minor rape survivor during a massive protest rally held on January 17 to condemn the Ballari violence. Addressing media persons in Ballari, Sriramulu said several leaders, including himself, had addressed the gathering to condemn the clash and create public awareness against such incidents. Citing rising incidence of murders, drug abuse and sexual assaults, he said lawlessness increased in the state after the Congress government came to power. "I was referring to incidents of rape, and, in that context, I mentioned the name of a minor girl. If that has caused pain to the victim's family, I sincerely apologise," he said, adding that his sole intention was to create awareness. **ENS**

BREACHING THE BORDER

Sunny Deol, the lead actor of Hindi movie 'Border 2', at INS Kadamba Naval Base last week. Karwar-based social workers' organisation Janashakthi Vedike has written to the Ministry of Defence and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs against the crew being given access to the naval base for promotion of the movie | EXPRESS

PARYAYA MAHOTSAV

Cong slams Udupi DC, seeks action for waving saffron flag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

A political row has erupted in Udupi after Deputy Commissioner (DC) Swaroopa TK used a saffron flag to flag off the Paryaya Mahotsav procession taken out from Jodukatte to Krishna Mutt on Sunday. Even as the legal and human rights cell of the Udupi District Congress Committee (UDCC) wrote to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, seeking action against Swaroopa, the BJP has threatened to lay siege to the UDCC office if any action is initiated against the DC.

The BJP's Udupi district president Kutyar Naveen Shetty termed the UDCC reaction as "unfortunate" and said the Congress government in the state was consistently pursuing anti-Hindu policies and was targeting Hindu activists to appease communal forces.

Shetty criticised Udupi District In-charge Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar for not conducting any preparatory meeting for Paryaya Mahotsav and said her decision to stay away from the event, regarded as a cultural festival of Coastal Karnataka, amounted to an insult to the people of Udupi.

Accusing the Congress of "intellectual bankruptcy" and trying to demoralise Swaroopa, Shetty asked if the party would have demanded the resignation of Hebbalkar had she waved the saffron flag.

Karkala MLA V Sunil Kumar asked whether a Congress flag or a green flag should have been used at a Hindu religious procession. Calling it a reflection of a "petty mindset", he criticised UDCC for turning against Swaroopa.

Harish Shetty, the president of the UDCC legal cell, wrote in his letter to the CM and the DCM that Udupi MLA Yashpal Suvarna handed the RSS flag to the DC. Such conduct was unacceptable as it went against the service rules and the officers' Constitutional duties. This should be treated as grave misconduct. It should be inquired into, and suitable action should be taken against Swaroopa, he wrote in the letter.

Meanwhile, a footage of Suvarna handing over the flag to the DC has gone viral. In her reaction, the DC said she participated in the Paryaya procession in her capacity as the administrator of Udupi City Municipal Council. She said there was no political motive in her participation in Paryaya-related events.

A video grab of Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa TK waving a saffron flag during the Paryaya Procession in Udupi on Sunday | EXPRESS

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BWSSB invites Expression of Interest from Self Help Groups (SHGs) for the following works.

Name of the Work	Address for Communication & EOI
Notice inviting Expression of Interest from SHG's under AMRUT-2.0 for 23 nos of SHG's (10 Members per group) under EESW-1 Division.	Office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board, South-West-1 Division, Kapila Bhavan, 11th Main, 35th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar-560041 Telephone : 080- 22945196, E-mail:eesw@bwssb.gov.in

Last date for receiving of queries in portal **27.01.2026 at 4:00 hrs.**, Pre-Eol Meeting: **27.01.2026 at 11 .am.**, The Last date for submission of response to Eol: **02.02.2026 before 4:00 hrs**. Date & time of opening of Eol : **03.02.2026 at 11:00 a.m.** Eol validity period: **184** days from the date of award.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (South)

The detail regarding the EOI & participation process can be obtained by logging on to **www.bwssb.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above mentioned offices during working hours.

DIPR/CP/5148/SSC/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari
Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/KKRDB/2025-26/5299 **Dated :14-01-2026**

Tender Notification (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the website https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
i)	**Ballari City Assembly Constituency**	
1)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30865	200.00
2)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30866	200.00
3)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30867	200.00
4)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30863	200.00
ii)	**Ballari Rural Assembly Constituency**	
1)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT31863 (General Category)	97.91
2)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT31999 (Reserved for Category-I)	44.64
3)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT31635 (General Category)	52.09
4)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32059	200.00
5)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32357	200.00
6)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32182	165.00
7)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29769	500.00
8)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT21884	105.36
iii)	**Kampli Assembly Constituency**	
1)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32355	300.00
2)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32193	300.00
3)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32188	300.00
4)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32354	150.00
5)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30864	300.00
6)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32228	300.00
7)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32233	300.00
8)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32352	300.00
9)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32314(General Category)	83.83

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper. in this regard.

1)Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works: **23-01-2026 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2)Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal: **27-01-2026 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3)Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal: **30-01-2026 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **31-01-2026 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/921/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.

NKGSB Bank
NKGSB Co-op. Bank Ltd.
(Multi State Scheduled Bank)
Recovery Dept: Laxmi Sadan, 361, V. P. Road, Girgaum, Mumbai – 400 004
Tel No: (022) 67545020/21/25/40/48/73/98; Email id - recovery@nkgsb-bank.com
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Tel: 8655699431 E : zone6@nkgsb-bank.com

APPENDIX IV (RULE 8 (1))
POSSESSION NOTICE {FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY}

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of NKGSB Co-op. Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Enforcement) Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on **22/06/2021** calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described here in below Schedule–I in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **19/01/2026** u/sec. 14 of the SARFAESI Act.

The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the NKGSB Co-op. Bank Ltd. for the below mentioned amount and interest thereon plus incidental charges as per contract.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower / Co – Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Total Amount Due
1. Mr. H Rangaswamy Anand (Borrower & Mortgagor) **2. Mrs. H Anand Geetha (Co-Borrower)** **3. Mr. H Anand Nithin (Guarantor)**	Rs. 52,04,477.56 as on 16/01/2025 at the foot of loan account No.109300400000048 with further interest and charges as applicable.

SCHEDULE –I (Immovable Mortgaged Property)

All that piece and parcel of Property No. 08 (in erstwhile Sy. No. 74), present BBMP Khatha No. 8/74, 11th Main, Raghavendra Temple Road, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BANGALORE - 560 015, measuring East to West: 40.00 ft. and North to South: 51+52/2 ft., in all measuring 2060.00 sq. ft., within the limits of BBMP, New Ward No. 12, together with building/s, heritedaments, easementary rights thereon and the said Property is bounded on the:-

EAST by	WEST by	NORTH by	SOUTH by
Property No. 07	Property No. 09	Property No. 15	Main Road

Place: Bangalore
Date : 22/01/2026

Sd/-
AUTHORIZED OFFICER
NKGSB Co-op. Bank Ltd.

Indian Overseas Bank
Bangalore City Branch: No.7, Sri Sailam, 1st Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560009. E-Mail:iob0011@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8(1)) of SARFAESI ACT 2002

Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 17.05.2025** calling upon the borrowers and guarantors: **1. Mrs. R Yashoda (Borrower),** Address: No.3600, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Near Kodandarama Temple, Gayathri Nagar, Subramanya nagar 2nd Stage, Raiajinagar, Bengaluru 560021, **2. Mrs. S Shobha (Guarantor),** Address: 45, Old No.64, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Pattegarapalya, Bengaluru 560079. to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.49,05,706.52 /-(Rupees Fourty Nine lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Six and Fifty two Paisa Only)** with further interest @ RLLR (8.35%) +0.30% i.e. 8.65% + overdue interest @ 2% as compounded monthly rests within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **14th day of January of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for an **Rs.49,05,706.52 /-(Rupees Fourty Nine lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Six and Fifty two Paisa Only) as on 17.05.2025** with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc. from the aforesaid date mentioned in the Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession **Rs.52,73,511.52 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Eleven and fifty two Paisa Only) + Interest payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc.** till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.21 bearing Old Katha No.582/0/21, BBMP New Katha No.641/1/582/0/31/33/21, coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No.8, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and **bounded on; East:** Site No.18; **West:** Road; **North:** Site No.22; **South:** Site No.20. **Schedule B Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.22 bearing Old Katha No.582/0/22, BBMP New Katha No.641/1/582/0/31/33/21, coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No.8, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and **bounded on: East:** Site No.17; **West:** Road; **North:** Site No.23; **South:** Site No.21. **Schedule C Property:** Flat No.G-04, 3BHK, constructed on Ground Floor with plinth area of 1342 square feet in the building known as "Shri Sai Shanthi Nilaya" Car parking along with 230 Square Feet of undivided share in Site Nos. 21 & 22 measuring in total 5600 Square feet vide Khatha No.641/1/582/0/31/33/21 (Schedule 'A' & 'B' Properties) along with undivided share in the land situating at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk. **bounded on: East:** Flat no. G-02, **West:** Private property (Open to sky), **North:** Flat no.G-03, **South:** Private property (Open to sky).

Date: 14-01-2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that my Client, Bank of India, Vidyaranyapura Branch, Bengaluru represented by Senior Branch Manager informed me that, the **Original Sale Deed dated 15.09.2023** in the name of **Smt. Jeeva Venkatesh**, registered as **Document No. MLS-1-02484/2023-24** in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property is lost and not traceable. In this regard my client had also lodged a Complaint before the Police vide **Lost Article Report No.1993253/2026 dated 05.01.2026.**

Mortgage by deposit of above mentioned original title deed has been created favouring Bank of India, Vidyaranyapura branch by Mrs. Jeeva Venkatesh for securing the Loan against Property availed by Mr. Prakash V and Mrs. Jeeva Venkatesh. The said MODTD has been executed by Mrs. Jeeva Venkatesh and Mr. Prakash V on 21.10.2023 and has been registered vide Doc No.BYP-1-10482-2023-24 on 25.10.2023 at the Sub Registrar office, Byatarayanapura,Bengaluru.

Since the original **Sale Deed dated 15.09.2023** in the name of **Smt.Jeeva Venkatesh,** registered as **Document No.MLS-1-02484/2023-24 has been lost and not traceable, the bank will** continue to hold the equitable mortgage on strength of certified copy of the sale deed of the property.

If any persons known/ found / possessing or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to hand it over the same to the undersigned at her office below mentioned address within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which without any reference to such claim and the same, if any shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment **bearing No.H-3002** in Thirtieth Floor of Tower- 'H',Wing-'H' in the Project **"NIKOO HOMES-II"**, with a super built up area of 1040 Square feet, along with 197 square feet of Undivided Share, right, title, interest, and other amenities which is constructed in converted Property being part of Municipal Khatha No.6/1, (comprised of Sy.Nos.35(P), 38(P), 48,49 (P) and 50(P), totally measuring about 12 Acres 24 Guntas or 5,48,856 square feet., situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and bounded by; **East by:** Open towards Open Space in Tower-'H' in Wing-'H' of 'NIKOO HOMES-II', **West by:** Corridor in 30th floor of Tower- 'H' in Wing- 'H' of 'NIKOO HOMES-II', **North by:** Staircase/ Apartment No. H-3001 in 30th floor of Tower- 'H' in Wing -'H' of 'NIKOO HOMES-II', **South by:** Apartment No. H-3003 in 30th floor of Tower -'H' in Wing- 'H' of 'NIKOO HOMES-II'.

GOWRI PRADEEP, ADVOCATE
69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K. Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph. No. 9886814698, 8147294698
Place : Bengaluru Date : 21.01.2026

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tiruvannamalai Highways (Construction & Maintenance) Circle

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.74/2025-2026/HDO/Dated:20.01.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender under Two Cover System pertaining to Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet, Cheyyar and Kallakurichi (H) C&M Division** through online only will be received **upto 07.02.2026 / 11.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tiruvannamalai Circle** for **CRIDP (CMRDP 2026-27) (12 Works).**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 22.01.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/358/TENDER/2026

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M CIRCLE, TIRUVANNAMALAI

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Highways, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE TIRUPUR

TENDER NOTICE

T.N. No. 48 / 2025-26 / HDO / Dated. 20.01.2026.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Two Cover System of Percentage tender through online only** are invited upto **07.02.2026** till **11.00 A.M** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP Works - 2026-27 Pertaining to Tirupur (H), C&M Division - **One Work** and **Erode** (H), C&M Division - **Three Works.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **22.01.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/ Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR / 326 / TENDER / 2026

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Circle Tirupur.

With the ceremonial hoisting of the flag, the annual float festival of the Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple commenced in Madurai on Wednesday, marking the beginning of one of the temple's most significant festivals held during the Tamil month of Thai

SABARIMALA GOLD THEFT

Temple looted by those meant to protect it: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

KERALA High Court on Wednesday observed that the accused in the Sabarimala gold theft case had jointly looted the property of the holy deity under the guise of protecting it. The court noted that those now arraigned as accused were duty-bound to protect and preserve the temple property of the deity.

Justice A Badharudeen made these remarks while dismissing the bail pleas of Ballari-based jeweller Roddam Govardhan, former Travancore Devaswom Board president A Padmakumar, and former administrative officer Murari Babu, who are accused of misappropriating gold from the Dwarapalaka idols and the door frames of the Sreekovil at Sabarimala.

The court observed that Padmakumar, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly, is highly influential and that his release on bail would definitely interfere with the investigation, including the recovery of the remaining gold allegedly misappropriated. Though Padmakumar was arrested on November 20, 2025, another Devaswom Board member, Vijayakumar, was arrested only recently. Similarly, the arrest of another member, K P Sankardas, was recorded at the hospital only on January 4. Therefore, the option available to the investigating officer to question all Devaswom Board members jointly to ascertain details of the misappropriation and the manner in which the gold was misappropriated would be jeopardised if Padmakumar is released at this stage.

The court observed that the major portion of the gold allegedly misappropriated is yet to be recovered. A total of 4,147 grams of gold was misappropriated in both cases, but only 474.960 grams have been recovered from Govardhan so far.

The investigation, the court noted, does not clearly indicate the measures adopted to recover the remaining gold. Failure to recover the misappropriated gold would give an undue advantage to the accused to escape penal consequences, rendering the prosecution meaningless.

Dhinakaran-led AMMK returns to NDA fold

MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and his bitter critic AMMK general secretary TTV Dhinakaran on Wednesday became yet another example of the political adage - there are no permanent friends or foes in politics.

Dhinakaran returned to the NDA on Wednesday, five months after he left the Alliance in the presence of Piyush Goyal, election in-charge for the BJP in Tamil Nadu and the party's State president Nainar Nagenthran. Former Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, who is leading the ADMK Cadres Rights Retrieval Committee, snapped ties with the NDA in August last. A month later, Dhinakaran followed suit.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal welcomes AMMK President TTV Dhinakaran as he joins the NDA fold in Chennai on Wednesday | P JAWAHAR

Along with former Panneerselvam and KA Sengottaiyan, Dhinakaran had been planning to ensure a unified AIADMK. Dhinakaran, after chairing a meeting with the AMMK office-bearers, called on Goyal and announced his return to the NDA.

"With the broader objective of the welfare of Tamil Nadu and the AMMK, and not to dwell upon the past, we have decided to join the AMMK in the NDA,\" Dhinakaran said. Though the AIADMK has been claiming that it is leading the NDA in Tamil Nadu, the absence of AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami or any other AIADMK leader on the occasion was conspicuous when Dhinakaran returned to the NDA fold. However, a greeting came without hesitation from Palaniswami to Dhinakaran through a post on his X handle.

"In our mission to dismantle the tyrannical governance of the DMK and put an end to dynastic politics, while reviving the glorious governance model of our leader Amma (J Jayalalithaa) in Tamil Nadu, I wholeheartedly welcome respected AMMK general secretary TTV Dhinakaran on his joining the NDA and convey my sincere greetings," Palaniswami said in his message. Acknowledging the greetings, Dhinakaran, in his message, said, "Thanking Palaniswami for warmly welcoming and congratulating him, Dhinakaran said, "Let us all come together and work in unison on the ground to re-establish in Tamil Nadu, the Amma rule."

Sanatana Dharma: After HC remarks, BJP wants Udhaya sacked

Chennai: In the wake of the Madras High Court's observations on Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's remarks on Sanatana Dharma, while quashing a case against BJP IT cell chief Amit Malaviya, union minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday demanded Udhayanidhi's removal from his post and registering a criminal case against him. ENS

SC defers K'taka–Maha border dispute hearing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

> The matter was listed before a two-judge bench comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice Alok Aradhe —Official

THE much-anticipated hearing of the Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute, scheduled to come up before the Supreme Court on Tuesday, did not take place, prolonging uncertainty over one of the country's most sensitive inter-state disputes.

According to sources, the matter was listed before a two-judge bench comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice Alok Aradhe, with the hearing having been fixed as early as October last year. However, the proceedings could not be held as both judges were assigned to hear other important cases before separate benches.

Despite the adjournment, the Karnataka government was fully prepared to argue the case. The state's legal team had completed all groundwork in anticipation of the hearing.

The State Government appointed senior advocate Nishant Patil as Advocate-on-Record only a day earlier, strengthening its legal representation in the case.

The next date of hearing is yet to be announced by the apex court. The original suit was filed by the Maharashtra government in 2004, with the Union Government named as the first respondent and the Karnataka government as the second respondent.

With the hearing deferred once again, all eyes are now on the Supreme Court's registry for the next listing.

AIU seizes over 700kg of hydroponic ganja

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WHAT is extremely worrisome is the growing illicit drug trade in Bengaluru. "In the last fiscal, the AIU Customs officials at KIA alone have registered around 100 cases and seized over 700kg of hydroponic ganja under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. Most of the hydroponic ganja is allegedly smuggled from Bangkok," added the sources. The accused was later arrested under NDPS Act, 1985. Conviction under the Act can lead to a minimum punishment of 10 years. Cocaine is banned under the Central Anti-Drug Act. Made from the leaves of the coca plant (Erythroxylon coca), which is native to South America, it is an extremely potent and addictive stimulant drug that affects all systems in the body, primarily the central nervous system (CNS). Cocaine activates reward and reinforcement mechanisms in the brain with euphoria and an intense desire to take the drug again.

EXPRESS READ

SL NAVY ARRESTS SEVEN TN FISHERMEN

Nagapattinam: Seven fishermen from Mayiladuthurai who set out to the sea in two boats were arrested by Sri Lankan Navy on Tuesday night for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line. The boats were also seized. According to fisheries department officials, the fishers had ventured into the sea in two boats from Kodiyakarai around 2 pm on Tuesday in two fibre boats and were arrested near Kovilan around 10 pm.

Youth's body tied to stone & dumped in well

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They retrieved the body and took it to a nearby well and dumped the body after tying it to a stone using wire before fleeing the scene.

The police said that since Vinod did not return home his grandfather approached the police station and filed a missing complaint on January 2. The police launched a search, while Vinod's parents, who stay in Bengaluru, searched for him in the city, suspecting that he might have come here. CCTV footage was also analysed, but it did not yield any lead.

On January 17, a few youths who had gone swimming in the well found a body tied to a stone and alerted the police. As Vinod was last seen with his friends, they were taken in for questioning. The accused allegedly confessed to killing him due to fear of medical expenses and other consequences.

REINING THE RAGE

Participants attempt to tame bulls during the Jallikattu festival in Rangampeta, Andhra Pradesh, on Wednesday | MADHAV K

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the property described below is mortgaged/charged in favour of Canara Bank by **M/s. Sudharshan Enterprises,** and all legal, financial, and ownership rights over the said property vest exclusively with Canara Bank.

The public is hereby cautioned and warned not to purchase, lease, mortgage, enter into any agreement, or otherwise deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever. Any such transaction, if entered, shall be treated as illegal and Canara Bank shall not be responsible for the same.

Property Details : All that piece and Parcel of residential Apartment, Flat No. 308, 2nd Floor at "MAGNUM PRIDE" Apartment, Block B, 27th Cross, 19th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560034 with a super built up area of 1098 Sq.Ft. undivided share of 330 Sq.Ft. and bounded by : East by : Land bearing Sy No. 55/7 of Mr. Ramesh, West by : Flat No. 307, North by : Flat No. 306, South by : Flat No. 310. Coordinates of the property: **Latitude-12.90399150, Longitude- 77.6473214**

This notice is issued in the interest of the public at large to avoid any fraudulent or unauthorized transactions.

Date : 21.01.2026, Place : Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my clients are interested to purchase the below mentioned property from its absolute owner viz., **1. Smt. Mahadevamma, W/o Late. Somashekaraiah @ Shankaraapp, aged about 63 years, 2. Rajeshwari C.S. aged 41 years, 3. C.S. Roopa, aged about 37 years, 4. C.S. Sudha, aged about 30 years, 5. C.S. Kavya, aged about 29 years, 6. Basavalinga, aged about 24 years, All are childrens of Late. Somashekaraiah @ Shankaraapp,** All are residing at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Pin Code No 562120.

Any person/s, firm/s, bank/s or financial institution, companies or individual etc., having any right, claim or interest in the schedule property may file his/her/their/its objection/s in writing along with original documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this publication.

Any objection on and after 10 days shall not be entertained and my clients shall proceed with the sale transaction with **1. Smt. Mahadevamma, W/o Late. Somashekaraiah @ Shankaraapp, aged about 63 years, 2. Rajeshwari C.S. aged 41 years, 3. C.S. Roopa, aged about 37 years, 4. C.S. Sudha, aged about 30 years, 5. C.S. Kavya, aged about 29 years, 6. Basavalinga, aged about 24 years, All are childrens of Late. Somashekaraiah @ Shankaraapp,** presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone over the property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property hearing **Sy.No. 84/13**, (old No. Sy.No. 84/5) Cholanayakanahalli Village, Thavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring 3 acres 6 guntas, karab 6 guntas in all 3 acre 12 guntas and bounded on:-

East by : Shivamurthy Land, **West by :** C. Sathiskumars Land, **North by :** Road Left in the same Survey number for our own use, **South by :** Anandaswamy and C. Sathiskumars Land.

S. CHENNA KRISHNA, Advocate
No. 34 & 35, 2nd Floor, Kilari Main Road, Opp: Bhandari High School, Bangalore-560053. Mobile No. 7406975722
Date : 21/01/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client SRI. DILIPA.S @ DILEEPA, S/o Sri. Shivanna. S.M, Aged about 33 years, Residing at Shivanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District - 562117 submit that, my client entered in to a registered Agreement of Sale dated 08-12-2023, bearing Doc. No. KNK-1-11114-2023-24, Book - I, registered on 13-12-2023, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Kanakapura, agreeing to purchase the land in Sy.No. 25/1, measuring to an extent of 1 acre 09 guntas, situated at Doontur Village, Sathanuru Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar Taluk from Smt. Sunandamma W/o late Thimmegowda, Sri. Praveen. T S/o late Thimmegowda, Smt. Sowmya W/o Sri. Praveen.T, Kum.Raksha. P D/o Sri. Praveen. T, Master. Harshith gowda S/o Sri. Praveen. T and Sri. Krishna, S/o late Chikkaide gowda for valuable consideration of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) by paying the advance sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs only) to his Vendors under the agreement of sale dated 08-12-2023. on 28-12-2025 while travelling in his bike from Kanakapura to Ramanagar he lost/misplaced Original registered sale deed dated 08-12-2023 in Avverahalli Village, Ramanagara Taluk, Bengaluru south District, he made best efforts in tracing the same, but efforts were went in vein, Further he had lodged police complaint on 29/12/2025 with lost report No. 1981127/2025, If anyone find the aforesaid original document, kindly hand over the said document to the below mentioned Advocate within 7 days from the date of publication of this public notice as well as public are hereby notified that, they are not intend to make any illegal claim or to enter with any transactions with third parties in respect of above mentioned Original document or the properties involved in the document.

SHRIDHAR.P, Advocate
No. 4803, 8th FLOOR, HIGH POINT-IV, R.C. ROAD, BANGALORE-560001.
(MOB. No. 9035538878)

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE V ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-13), AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 5743/2024

BETWEEN : 1. Sri. Shubhradeep Nandi, Aged about 39 years, S/o. Late Gitesh Chandra Nandi R/at No: 212, Asset Elvira, Gopasandra Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Gopasandra, Bengaluru 560099 ...PLAINTIFF

AND : 1. PiChain Innovations Private Limited, Having Registered Office at, No: 759/B, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Stage BEML Layout, R. R. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098 AND Others ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 2 AND 3 U/O 5 RULE 20 OF CPC.

D No.2 -Sri. Prasanna Padmanabhan, Managing Director, PiChain Innovations Private Limited, No. 759/B, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Stage BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098 Email: prasanna@pichainlabs.com

Also available at : C/o Turbostart, No. 101, 1st Floor, Haudin House 5, Haudin Road, Bengaluru 560 042 **D No.3 - Sri Vivek Kumar Anand,** Head of People and Ops, PiChain Innovations Private Limited, No. 759/B, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Stage BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru 580 098 Email : vivek@pichainlabs.com

Also Available at: C/o Turbostart, No. 101, 1st Floor, Haudin House 5, Haudin Road, Bengaluru - 560042

WHEREAS, the petitioner has instituted above suit against the Defendants and seeking for to pay a sum of Rs. 37,08,336/- along with interest and court cost and to grant such other relief/s as deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice and equity.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this HON'BLE V ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-13), AT BENGALURU in person or through an advocate **on 9/2/2026 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, filing which the suit will be heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under by hand and seal of the court, this 10th Day of December 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
Address for Service:
M/s. C.V. Srinivasa Associates,
Advocates, No. 9, "SRINIDHI", Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, 4th Block, 100 Feet Ring Road, Opp. to Udbhav Hospital, Bangalore -560 085
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) No. 721 OF 2025

PRIYADARSINI PALEI ... PETITIONER(S) VERSUS
ADITYA PRADHAN ... . RESPONDENT(S)
To, 1. ADITYA PRADHAN, S/O BALKISHORE PRADHAN,
(OFFICE ADDRESS), ELI LILLY SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD.
1ST FLOOR BUILDING, PRIMROSE 7B, WING-B, EMBASSY TECH VILLAGE, DEVARABI SANAHALLI BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560103
PID: 13572/2026 FOR R[1] IN T.P. (C) NO.721/2025 (SEC IV-A)
(REF.: **MC** NO. **7044** OF **2024**)

WHEREAS the Petition under Section 25 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, above-mentioned, along with an application for **STAY APPLICATION,** seeking transfer of No. **0** of **0** titled as "ADITYA PRADHAN Vs. PRIYADARSINI PALEI", pending before the Family Court KENDUJHAR, ORISSA, under the jurisdiction of High Court of ORISSA , to the Family Court/Competent Court at,, under the jurisdiction of the High Court of [Copy enclosed] filed by **Mr. NAGARKATTI KARTIK UDAY,** Advocate for the petitioner was listed for preliminary hearing before this Court on **18th March, 2025,** and the Court passed the following order:

1. **Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner(wife).**
2. **The petitioner(wife) is seeking transfer of the petition being M.C. No.7044/2024, filed at the instance of the respondent(husband), titled as "Aditya Pradhan Vs. Priyadarsini Palei", pending before Court of learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru to the Court of competent jurisdiction at the District Court, Keonjhar, Odisha on the ground of hardships.**
3. **Issue notice, returnable in four weeks.**
4. **In the meanwhile, there shall be interim stay of further proceedings in the case being M.C. No.7044/2024, titled as "Aditya Pradhan Vs. Priyadarsini Palei", pending before Court of learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru, until further orders.**

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before the Ld. Registrar Court on **13th January, 2026,** when the following order was passed:

" Ld. Counsel for the petitioner has filed an application seeking service through paper publication on the sole respondent. Newspapers mentioned in the application are "Indian Express", English language and "Kanada Prabha", vernacular language. Application is hereby allowed. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner to file affidavit along with proof of publication by 28.1.2026.

List again on 11.2.2026.

Let copy of the ROP be furnished to the concerned AOR for information and compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition along with application for stay will be taken up by this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in- person or through an Advocate-on-Record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within thirty days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why the prayer made in the transfer petition and application for stay may not be allowed/granted to the petitioner above named.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 3 Order XLI, S.C.R. 2013, not later than one week before the date appointed for hearing of the petition.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance, as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated this the **16th January, 2026** **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Copy to :- *1 Mr. Nagarkatti Kartik Uday (adv.)

Note: * You are required to file affidavit of paper publication along with the proof of publication well before 28.01.2026.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Important Notice
LEGAL AID

(1) Legal Services of an advocate is provided by the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and the Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society to eligible litigants.

For further information, please contact the Secretary, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee or the Member Secretary, Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, 107-108, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel Nos. 011-23116353,23116354 (Additional Building Complex) and 011-23381257 (Front Office))

MEDIATION

(2) The facility of amicable settlement of disputes by trained mediators in cases pending in the Supreme Court is now available in the Supreme Court.

For further information, please contact the Coordinator, Supreme Court Mediation Centre, 109, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel No. 011-23071432)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Vellore Syndicate
(A Govt of India undertaking)

Branch: Ulsoor
P B No.883, 18/10, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, H.A.L. II Stage, H.O Bengaluru 560008

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To, **1.Mrs. R Rukmanidevi (Borrower)** W/O R Sampath Kumar No 12/1 Yellammon Kovil Street, 2nd Cross, Near Ulsoor BSNL, Halasuru Bengaluru 560008 **2. Mr.S Naresh Kumar** S/O Sampath Kumar R, No 6/12, 2nd Cross, LMN Kovil Street, HAL II Stage, Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560008.

L O A N NO	NATURE OF LOAN/LIMIT	LOAN AMOUNT	LIABILITY WITH INTEREST AS ON DATE	RATE OF INTEREST
0791619000272	Housing Finance	Rs. 51,50,000.00	Rs.51,42,682.6/-	9.25% + Penal Interest 2%
0791619000293	Housing Finance	Rs. 10,90,000.00	Rs. 7,21,884.33/-	9.95% + Penal Interest 2%
0791631000013	Housing Loan Secure	Rs. 90,975.00	Rs.57,486.36/-	8.10% + Penal Interest 2%

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant more documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as **NPA on 14-01-2026** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of to **Rs.59,22,053.29/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Twenty two Thousand and Fifty three and paisa Twenty nine Only)** Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs, within sixty days or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFESI Act, in respect of time available. To redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post to your last known address available in the Branch record. But could not be served upon you, for the reason **"Un Delivered".** You are avoiding service of demand notice on you. Therefore, the contents of the demand notice are being published in this newspaper.

SCHEDULE

The Specific Details of the assets Mortgaged/Hypothecated are enumerated here under: The Title holder of below mentioned Immovable Property is Mrs. R Rukmanidevi

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation No.12 (Old No.6) PID No.81-70-12, situated at Yellamma Koil F.No.2nd street, Ulsoor, Bangalore presently coming under administrative jurisdiction of BBMP W.No.81, Ulsoor range measuring East To West 34 feet and North to South 47 feet admeasuring 1598 sq.ft and **boundry as follows: East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Yellamma Koil F.No.2nd street, **NorthBy:** Private Property, **South By:** Private Property

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the northern portion of immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation No.12/1 PID No.81-70-12/1, situated at Yellamma Koil F.No.2nd street, Ulsoor, Bangalore presently coming under administrative jurisdiction of BBMP W.No.81, Ulsoor range measuring East To West 34 feet and North to South 23½ feet admeasuring 799 sq.ft and **boundry as follows: East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Yellamma Koil F.No.2nd street, **NorthBy:** Private Property, **South By:** Remaining portion of the A sche dule property.

DATE: 19.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
PLACE: Ulsoor **Canara Bank, Yeslur**

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Mayohall
Mayohall Premises, Bengaluru-560001.

No. BCCC/JC-1/TEND/04/2025-26 Date: 20-01-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Joint Commissioner (Zone-1), BCCC, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BCCC invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BCCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Consultants for establishing City Transformation Unit (CTU) in Bengaluru Central City Corporation.
	EMD : **Rs. 1,00,000/-.** Period of completion : **1 Year.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 22.01.2026. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting : **29.01.2026 at 4.00 pm at the above office. (3)** Last date for submission of tender documents: **10.02.2026 on or before 4.00 pm. (4)** Date of opening of Technical bids : **12.02.2026 at 4.00 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, BCCC

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THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Satge, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.Phone : 080 - 2332 1923, 2332 8735, 2352 0466
E-mail: citizenbk@rediffmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **25/09/2025** calling upon the borrower **Late H Ganganna** S/o Late Hanumantha Since deceased represented by his legal heirs **1. Mr. Aravind H G** S/o. Late H Ganganna **2. Mr. Bharath H G** S/o. Late H Ganganna **both are residing at** No.110, 2nd Main, Karekallu, Kamashipalya, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560079. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 9,78,896/-(Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Only)** as on **20.09.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the day of **17th January of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Ltd., Rajajinagar, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs. 9,78,896/-(Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Only)** as on **20.09.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of Property bearing No. 57, situated at Kare Kallu, Kamakshipalya Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalure North Taluk, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 18 (Kamakshipalya) With PID No. 18-76-57, measuring East to West 19'-5" feet and North to South 25-0" feet totally Measuring 487.5sq feet. with construction building thereon and bounded on the following boundaries: East: House No. 56. West: Road. North: House No. 55. South: Road.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 17.01.2026 **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.**

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sandal City: P.B. No. 5531, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Bengaluru - 560 055.
Ph: 080-22164879, 22164886, Website: www.mysoresandal.org e-mail: **ksdl.dgmmtls@gmail.com**
An ISO-9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Company
Date: 21.01.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited by **KS&DL** in two cover system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** with respect to following Goods/Services/Works.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Tender Quantity	Published date	Last Date of Submission
1	KSDL/2025-26/SE0204	Selection of Agency to Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Automatic 500Kg/Hour Toilet Bar Soap Finishing Line **on Turnkey Basis**	Services	19-01-2026	02-02-2026
2	KSDL/2025-26/IND0924	Procurement of Parallel Helical Gear Box for Sigma Mixture	1 No.	19-01-2026	03-02-2026

For any further queries/clarifications please contact the undersigned.

Sd/- Asst. General Manager (Materials)

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(Ph. No: 0821-2979772 E-mail:-khsdrp.divmys@gmail.com)
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಆಕುಕ/ಇಂ.ವಿ./ಕಾ.ಅ/ಮೈ/ಸಇ–1&2/ಟೆಂಡರ್–26/4210–386/ 2025–26/ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಮಂಡ್ಯ, ಕೊಡಗು ಹಾಸನ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು, ಮತ್ತು ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಟ್ಟದ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ದುರಸ್ಥಿ, ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಮೂರು/ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, CAT-II(A) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ.100.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ.20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳು: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 30.01.2026 ರಂದು 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್): 31.01.2026 ರಂದು 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ (Through KPPP) https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ದಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.
ಸೂಚನೆ: 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ/ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 2) ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಬದಲಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಆಕುಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

DIPR/DDMYS/1540/KSMCA/873/2025-26

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
C.112 / 2025-26	CE / TP-II	Line work @ 110 KV SS
T-2360	CE / Transmission	Supply & Erection of 16MVA 110 KV Power Transformer

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/376/Tender/2026

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ಹಾಸನ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹಾಸನ

HASSAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HASSAN (An Autonomous Institute under the Dept of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka) SRI CHAMARAJENDRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS, HASSAN

Website: https://himshassan.karnataka.gov.in/
Phone/Fax No.08172-231699, 231599,
Email:directorhims@yahoo.com

No :HIMS/TS/CLF/5/2025-TNDR-HIMS-HSN Date:19.01.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan, invites tender for Cleaning services to HIMS Hassan from the Authorized Agency in two cover bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 Sl No Tender Notification No 01)HIMS/TS/CLF/5/2025-TNDR-HIMS-HSN Details Cleaning Services in College Building Tender Uploading Date & Last Date 22.01.2026 to 20.02.2026 Estimated Cost of Tender Rs 131.96 Lakhs EMD (Rs)Rs 1.97 Lakhs Tender details can be viewed , downloaded and applied only through the e-procurement mode only website : www.kpppuat.karnataka.gov.in For further details contact/ visit office during working hours.

Sd/- Chief Administrative officer, Hassan Institute of Medical Science, Hassan.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/956/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that, my client **Mr. Gali Kamakshaiah,** S/o Gali Adiseshaiah Naidu, Aged about 50 years, Residing at-Flat no. 103, R S Greenwood Apartment, Bommasandra, Bengaluru- 560099 has interest to enter into an Agreement of sale to the property bearing No Old Site No.321, New No.21, PID No.75-34-21. It is further submitted that the property measuring East to West: 50'-0" ft. and North to South: 94':5"+93'.0"ft., totally measuring 4687 ½ Sq.ft. It is submitted that my client is interested to purchase the said Schedule Property from the seller mentioned herein i.e., Sri. RAJESH P.R. RAO, Aged about 56 years, S/o Late P. Rathnakar Rao, Residing at No. 46A, Govt. High School, Doddagollarahatti, Nagadevanahalli Gnanabharati Post, Bengaluru-560056 If any person/s having any interest over the suit schedule property may come and contact with the same to my client or the below mentioned address. In this regard to my client on or before 30.01.2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Old Site No.321, New No.21, PID No.75-34-21,in Cambridge Layout Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 50'-0" ft., and North to South : 94':5"+93'.0"ft., totally measuring 4687 ½ Sq.ft., layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, presently coming under the limits of Greater Bengaluru Authority, Bangalore and bounded on:-
EAST BY : SITE NO. 320
WEST BY : SITE NO. 322
NORTH BY : ROAD
SOUTH BY : STORM WATER DRAIN

Deepak P, Advocate,
4th Floor, RK Towers No.30/A, 14th Cross Road Sector 6, HSR LAYOUT Bengaluru- 560099.
Contact- +91 9731612181
email- chaanakshaassociates12@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. M.B. KAILASHNATH, S/o. late.M.K. Bhargavan Pillai,** (Aadhar No. xxxx xxxx 5935 residing at No. 520, 4th cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560008.
Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property bearing **Re. Sy. No.170/3, old Sy No. 170/2,** measuring **0-12 guntas,** converted vide conversion application No. 793734, dt: 06/09/2025, issued by Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru District, Bengaluru and Situated at **Kodathi Village, Varthur-2 Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru district,** and having all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface including all the rights and privileges thereon and bounded on:
AND BOUNDED ON:
East by : Road. West by :Remaining portion of Sy No. 170/2. North by : Government Gomala Land. South by : Remaining portion of Sy No. 170/2.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 207, Ground Floor, 26 cross,
Near Vishnuvardhan Statue,
Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road,
Poornaprajna Layout, Bengaluru.-61
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (HQ) SECONDARY JALORE (RAJ.)

No. deo/hq/sec/jalore/Accounts/2025-26/341-342 Date: 14-01-2026

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER No.-2

Bid of procurement of supply of complete Ladies & Gents Bicycles is inviting from interest bidders extended up to **23-01-2026 time 12:30 P.M.** due to withdrawn of 1344 Ladies Bicycle Bid for Rs.52,85,952/-. Other particulars of the bid may be visiting on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** & **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the site.

S.No.	Item / Description of work	Estimated cost (In Rupees)	UBN
01.	Supply of Complete Gents Bicycles 20" (Colour - Orange)	51,67,962 /-	EDU2526GLOB00117

Sd/- (Bhanwar Lal Parmar)
DIPR/C/743/2026 **Dist. Education Officer, (HQ.) Secondary, Jalore**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The general public is hereby informed that **Mr. Ahmed Jan, aged about 75 years, son of Late. K. Abdul Rauf, residing at # 430, 4th cross road, M.I.G. 2, Rajiv Nagar, Mysore** , is the absolute owner of the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder.
The said owner has executed a Registered Agreement of Sale dated 05/05/20218 in favour of my client Mr. **Mr. Iqbal Pasha, Son of Late M Abdul Subhan and Saba Nusrat Iqbal W/o Iqbal Pasha,** registered as Document No. 1007/2018-19 recorded in Book 1, CD JGND522 in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Basavangudi (Jigani), in respect of the Schedule Property, for valid consideration. The said registered Agreement of Sale is prior in point of time, is subsisting, and has not been cancelled, rescinded, or lawfully terminated.
It has come to the knowledge of the undersigned that during the subsistence of the aforesaid registered Agreement of Sale, the said owner has subsequently entered into one or more sale agreements/transactions in respect of the very same property with third parties, which cannot override or defeat the rights arising out of the prior registered agreement.
NOTICE is hereby given that any person or persons proposing to purchase, negotiate, deal with, or create any right, title, interest, or encumbrance whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property, pursuant to any subsequent agreement or document, shall do so entirely at their own risk, cost, and consequences, and shall not be entitled to claim the status of a bona fide purchaser without notice.
The public at large is hereby cautioned to exercise due diligence and refrain from entering into any transaction in respect of the Schedule Property, as the same is already the subject matter of a prior registered agreement and is likely to give rise to civil and criminal proceedings.
This notice is issued in good faith to protect lawful contractual rights and to prevent third-party complications.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

No. 304/6, Assessment No. 6, Situated at BYARRAYANPURA Village, Ward No. 150, BBMP Limits, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru.
Boundaries:- East: Venkataswamy Property, West: Remaining Property of the same Number, North: Mysore Road, South : Vrushabhavathi River

SHAHABUDDIN M FOUJDAR, ADVOCATE
8th Cross, JHNCS Layout,
Bangalore - 560078.
Mobile: 7090191919, 988636767
BENGALURU, DATE : 21/01/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General public that, my client **SMT.SANTOSH** W/o Sri.Raju Ram Solanki, aged about 35 years, R/at No:12/1, 8th Cross, Beretena Agrahara, Electronic City Post, Electronic City Post, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560100. **Aadhaar No: 4528 5146 4793** intends to purchase the Schedule Property described herein below by entering Agreement of Sale from its present owner **SMT.LAKSHMIDEVI** W/o Sri.Venkatesh.D, aged about 60 years, R/at No:622, 7th Cross, Channakeshava Nagar —Hosa Road, Electronic City Post, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560100 **Aadhaar No: 4016 3100 5239** for valuable sale consideration, the owner/vendor undertaken to execute registered sale deed in favor of my client/ purchaser on fulfilling her obligations.
If anyone has /have any right, title, interest or any nature of claim over the schedule property or any objections for the proposed sale transaction, he/she/they shall substantiate the same by producing documentary evidence and by filing objections, in the office of the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this public notice. If no objection/s are received within the said period, my clients will presume that the Schedule Property are free from any encumbrances, title disputes, objections etc., and proceed with the proposed purchase/sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Northern Portion of Residential Free Site bearing No:642/2 old No:398, Khata No:407/642/02/40,41,42, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South 15 feet, totally 600 square feet,** together measuring 1500 square feet Ground, First and Second Floors RCC roofed residential house with civic amenities thereon, carved out of Sy.No: 40, 41 & 42 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, comes under BBMP, Ward No:191-Singasandra, Bengaluru, BBMP Katha No: 407/642/02/40,41,42, **e-Aasathi PID No:1937453469, situated at 7th Cross, ChannakeshavaNagar (HosaRoad),** Electronic City Post, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560100, the same bounded on East By: Site No:649, West By : Road, North By: Site No:641 and South By : Remaining Portion of same.

Date: 21.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

[Muniyappa.S] Advocate.
No.854, 1st Cross, ChannaKeshava Nagara,
E. City Post, Bengaluru-100.
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.
Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**Mr. Rajendra Prasad Macherla (Borrower)** **Tech Mahindra Limited,** **Designation:** Tech Lead **Department:** Aug2022, **Employee No:** 895886, No 44(P).46(P) Kiadb, Industrial, Area, Electron, Bangalore 560100. **Mr. Rajendra Prasad Macherla (Borrower)** **Mr. Nalla Sudha (Co-Borrower) Both are residing at:** H1606, 16th A Main Road, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, J P Nagar, Bengaluru 560078. **Also at:** Flat-E1-G01, Floor-Ground,Twr-E1, Godrej Eternity - Life Plus, S NO 18/1A1, 18/1A13,22, Mallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560109.	**Loan A/c No. 1) 630857264 Rs.40,71,683/- 2) 632167585 Rs. 2,16,275/- Total Amount: Rs. 42,87,958/- [Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Eight Only] as on 30.11.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of lands in all measuring **70309.16 square metres** and presently bearing Village Panchayat Khata No. 391/22, 18/1A13, 18/1A1 (e-khata no. 150200300101500854) Kaggalipura Grama Panchayat, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now coming under the limits of Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 198, (earlier comprising of residentially converted land bearing (1) Survey No.18/1A1; (2) Survey No. 18/1A13 (earlier being portion of Survey No. 18/1A1); (3) Survey No. 22 all situated at Mallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR: (S)58/2003-04 dated 07.06.2003 approved by BMICAPA under the sanction bearing No. BMICAPA/SS/RD/13/2015-16 dated 13.10.2015, Measuring 18 Acres 18 Guntas Comprising of Towers C,D,E,F,& G with the BMICAPA-CDP road running in between and boundary being on the: **East by :** Survey Nos. 18/1A2, 18/1A3, 18/1A4 and Road, **West by :** Survey No.23, **North by :** Survey Nos. 24, 25 and remaining portion of Survey No. 18/1A1; **South by :** Uttarahalli Manavarthekaval Village Boundary. **Schedule B: 62.16 square meters** (669.43 square feet) undivided share in the Schedule "A" Property corresponding to the Schedule "C" Apartment; **Schedule C:** All that piece and parcel of Apartment **No. G01** on the Ground Floor of Tower 'E1' (shown as Building '5' in the Sanctioned Plan) in the Phase 3 of the Project Known as **"LIFE+ AT GODREJ ETERNITY"** having a super built up area of 95.03 square meters (1023 square feet) which is inclusive of (i) carpet area of 65.83 square meters (708.59 square feet); (ii) Balcony area of 4.13 square meters (44.49 square feet); and (iii) proportionate share in (a) the Common Area and (b) the Common Amenities and Facilities. **East by :** Courtyard, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Apartment No.E1 002, **South by :** Cutout/Open.
2	**Ms. Nalla Shravani Reddy (Borrower)** **Asante Physician Partners** **Designation:** Neurologist **Department:** Neurology **Employee No:** 1110199221 Asante Physician Partners, 2620, East Barnett, Road,Suite H, Medford Oregon, Ashland,Oregon USA. **Also at:** 618, Fair Oaks Court, Ashland, Oregon USA. **Also at:** H No 6 2 385, Lane Opp Sbi, Subhash Nagar, Nizambad, Ap 503002 **Also at:** Flat-B-1004,10th Floor, Ozone Urbana Avenue-Wing A-D, S No 75,77/1, 2,3,77/4,78,79,80,81/2,83/2,3,5,6,86/2, Kannamangala Village, Kasaba, Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru -560063. **Mrs. Sunitha Reddy Podduturi (Power of Attorney),** Opp SBI, Subhash Nagar, H No 6 2 385, Lane, Nizambad, AP 503002.	**Loan A/c No. 645452465 Rs.61,08,055/- [Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Fifty Five Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 05.05.2024**	**SCHEDULE 'A':** All that piece and parcel of converted lands admeasuring 16 Acres comprised of Survey Nos.75 (IA-00G),77/1 (15G), 77/7 (30G), 77/2 (03G), 77/3 (27G), 77/4 (27G), 78 (1A-01G),78 (2A-05G),78/2 (35G), 79 (18G), 79 (06G), 80 (16.5G), 81/2(part) (32G), 83/2 (07.25G), 83/3 (1A-09G),83/4 (IA 6 G), 83/5 (Old No.83/2) (07.25G),83/8 (23 G), 83/9 (5 G), 86/2 (12.5G), 86/3 (12.75 G), 86/4 (12.75 G), 86/7 (15.5 G), 86/8 (15 G), 87/4 (26G), Sy. No.79 (25G) and Survey No. 80 (07.5G), totally measuring 16 Acres, all situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on: **East by:** Existing Poojanahalli & Kannamangala Road and Sy.Nos. 81/1 & 81/2; **West by :** Road and Sy.No. 86/1 and remaining part of integrated township; **North by :** Sy No.85, 84/1,83/1,81/2 & 83/2; **South by** : Sy.No. 74, 75, 77/1, 77/5 & 77/6; **Schedule 'B' :** All that piece and parcel of converted lands admeasuring 11 Acres and 31 Guntas situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **Schedule 'C' : 431 Sq.Ft.,** undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'B' Property corresponding to the super built-up area of the following Apartment. A Two Bedroom with Study Room Apartment unit bearing No. 1004 on the Tenth Floor of Tower 'B' of **"URBANA AVENUE"** having a Carpet Area of 1010 sft, Balcony Area of 82 sft, Terrace area of 91 Sft, and total Super Built up Area of 1403 sft, (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and the common areas attributable thereto) along with **One (1) Covered car parking space.**
3	**Mrs. Sweety Mittal (Borrower)** 29, Roshan Ganj, Firozabad UP 283203. **Mr. Amit Goyal (Co-Borrower)** **Anz Support Services India Private Limited** **Designation:** Assisstant Manager **Department:** Cards **Employee No:** 991222 2nd Floor Eucalyptus, Manyata, Embassy Sez Orr, Rachenahalli, Bengaluru 560045. **Mr. Amit Goyal (Borrower)** **Mrs. Sweety Mittal (Borrower)** **Both are residing at:** 48/1, 4th B Cross, Maragondanhalli Ma, SBI Layout, TC Palya, Bengaluru -560036. **Also at:** Flat-106, Floor-1st, Damden Vivo, S No 270, Bidreguppa Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru - 562106.	**Loan A/c Nos. 622679946 Rs.9,64,639/- [Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Nine Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2023**	**Schedule A:** All That Piece and Parcel of The Residentially converted land measuring **20 Guntas** of land out of the Total property of 1 Acre 15 Guntas, bearing Survey No.270, of Bidiruguppe Vilage. Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District /converted vide Official Memorandum for Conversion dt. 18/03/2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, bearing Order No. BDS.ALN SR (A) 481/2004-05) and bounded as follows: **East by :** Sowparnika Project, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Sowparnika Project, **South by :** Balance Land belonging to Owner. **Schedule B:** Apartment bearing **No. 106** in, having a super built up area of 856 Sq. ft. in 1st Floor in the building known as **"DAMDEN VIVO"** with one parking space constructed at Property bearing Survey No.270. of Bidiruguppe Vilage. Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District (converted vide Official Memorandum for Conversion dt. 18/03/2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore District, bearing Order No. BDS ALN SR (A) 481/2004-05). **270 sq.ft** Undivided share, right, title and interest in the Immovable Property Survey No.270 of Bidiruguppe Vilage, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District (land area is arrived at after deduction of relinquished portion).
4	**1) Mr. Dhaiva Kumar (Borrower)** **Air Force Technical College** **Designation:** Mess Staff **Department:** Mess Staff **Employee No:** D930, Airforce Technical C, Jalahalli West Bengaluru-560015. **2) Mrs. Sunandamma(Co-Borrower)** **Government of Karnataka** **Designation:** Senior Engineer **Department:** Iihc, Goverment of Karnataka, D.P.A.R (Services Ii), Vidhana Soudha Bengaluru -560001. **Both are residing at:** 102, Peenya Plantation, Siddarth Nagar, Peenya Plantation, Bangalore - 560015. **Also at:** No 01, K G Halli, 2nd Cross Bengaluru -560045. **Also at:** Plot Southern Portion Of No 01, S No 1,House 1 Assessment, No.70/3,Village Shettihalli, 2nd Cross, K G Halli, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bengaluru-560015.	**Loan A/c Nos. 1) 632596958 Rs.23,79,455/- 2) 632596972 Rs.3,34,711/- 3) 634099403 Rs. 48,376/- 4) 647124249 Rs. 4,80,608/- 5) 650477320 Rs. 16,385/- Total Amount Rs.32,59,535/- [Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.07.2025**	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Southern Portion of Property bearing No.01 (One), Formed out of Assessment No.70/3, Situated at **SHETTIHALLI VILLAGE**, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Raghavendra Layout, Now Comes Under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.12, measuring East to west: 45'-0 (Forty Five) Feet, North to South 15'-0 (Fifteen), in all measuring 675 Square Feet, along with 500 sq ft. in Ground Floor and 500 Sq ft in First Floor, walls are constructed by Cement and Bricks, Doors and Windows are made by Jungle wood, Red Oxide Flooring, power and Electrical with all Civic Amenities like sanitary and Bounded On The : - **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 25'-0 feet Road, **North by :** Remaining portion of same site No.01, **South by :** Site No.02,
5	**Mr. Mulakala Chandra Shekhar (Borrower)** **Datavail Infotech Private Limited** **Designation:** Manager **Department:** EBS, **Employee No:** 160 17/4,Cand 17/9C, Ground Floor, Maruthi Chambers Hosur Main Road, Rupena Agrahara, Bengaluru South Wing, Bengaluru 560068. **Also at: Datavail Infotech Private Limited, Designation:** Sr.Manager **Department:** EBS, **Employee No:** 160 1002-1003 Manjeera Trinity, Corporate KPHB Phase-3 Road, Kukatpally, Jntu, Hyderabad 500090. **Mr. Mulakala Chandra Shekhar (Borrower)** **Mrs. Rajani Devi Mulakala(Co-Borrower)** **Both are residing at:** 102, Chatra Plaza, Road No 8C, Nizampet, Bachupally Bo, Bhandari Layout, Telangana, Rangareddy 500090. **Also at:** Flat-G-2, Floor-Ground, Sai Priya Serenity, S No 102/2, Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru 560068.	**Loan A/c Nos. 1) 626098299 Rs.12,21,009/- 2) 636160111 Rs.3,74,845/- 3) 659428423 Rs.14,88,524/- 4) 668906916 Rs.1,35,356/- Total Amount: Rs.32,19,734 [Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing House List No.284/4/102/87, Katha Nos. 1065/102/87 and 1976/102/87 curved out of Sy No.102(New Sy No. 102/2) measuring East to West: 80 Feet and North to South: 60 Feet, in all measuring 4800 Square Feet Curved out of residentially Converted Land bearing Sy.No.102/2 (Vide Conversion Order No.BDS.ALN.SR(S)294/98-99 Dated 21.9.1999 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at 15th Cross, Neeladri Nagar, Electronic City, Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the: **East by**: Property No.100, **West by** :Road, **North by**: Property No.88 And **South by** : Property No.86. Consisting of Car parking in the Basement, Ground, First, Second and Third Floors of Residential Apartment known and called as **"SAI PRIYA SERENITY".** **Schedule B: 290 Square Feet** of Undivided rights, share, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule C:** Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No.G2, 2BHK** in the Ground Floor having a total super built up area of 1140 Square Feet, along with One Covered Car Parking space in the basement of the Residential Apartment known as **"SAI PRIYA SERENITY"** constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, inclusive of proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, stair-case, lift, terrace, set-back area and other areas of common use, Vitrified Tiles flooring, doors and windows are made of ordinary wood having amenities like Electricity, Water and Sanitary, etc. Bounded on: **East by:** Airspace Setback Area, **West by:** Flat No.G3, **North by:** Flat No.G1, **South by:** Airspace Setback Area.
6	**Ms. Akshatha Mohan (Borrower)** **Renee Systems Inc** **Designation:** Business Analyst **Department:** Cecm **Employee No:** 287, 6944, W Snowville Road, Brecksville - Oh 44141, Brunswick, USA **Also at:** No. 46, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, 2nd Phase, 7th Block, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085. **Also at:** Po Box:07306, 36 Van Reipen Ave, Apt No 3, Jersey City, NJ, Jersey City, USA. **Also at:** Flat-V002, Ground Floor, Ozone Urbana Avenue - L To X S No 75, 77/1,2,3,77/4,78,79,80,81/2,83/2,3,5,6, 86/2, Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru 560063. **Mrs. Amrutha Gorur Venkatavarada Iyengar (Power of Attorney),** No. 46, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru 560085.	**Loan A/c Nos. 619814873 Rs.60,91,977/- [Rupees Sixty Lakh Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Seven Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of converted lands admeasuring 16 Acres comprised of Survey Nos.75 (1A-00G),77/1 (15G), 77/7 (30G), 77/2 (03G),77/3 (27G), 77/4 (27G), 78 (1A-01G),78 (2A-05G), 78/2 (35G), 79 (18G), 79 (06G), 80 (16.5G), 81/2(part) (32G), 83/2 (07.25G), 83/3 (1A-09G), 83/4 (1A 6 G), 83/5 (Old No.83/2) (07.25G), 83/8 (23 G), 83/9 (5 G), 86/2 (12.5G), 86/3 (12.75 G), 86/4 (12.75 G), 86/7 (15.5 G), 86/8 (15 G), 87/4 (26G), Sy. No.79 (25G) and Survey No. 80 (07.5G), totally measuring **16 Acres,** all situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on: **East by** : Existing Poojanahalli & Kannamangala Road and Sy.Nos. 81/1 & 81/2; **West by** : Road and Sy.No. 86/1 and remaining part of integrated township; **North by :** Sy. No.85, 84/1,83/1,81/2 & 83/2; **South by** : Sy.No. 74, 75, 77/1,77/5 & 77/6; **Schedule B:** All that piece and parcel of converted lands admeasuring **11 Acres and 31 Guntas** situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **Schedule C:** Proportionate undivided share, right, title and interest in the SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY corresponding to the super built-up area of the following Apartment. A Duplex Apartment bearing **No. VG 02,** on the Ground Floor, in the 'V' Tower of the multi-storeyed and multi-winged residential complex known as **'URBANA AVENUE'** to be constructed in the **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY,** having a carpet area of 1661 Sq. Ft., (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and the common areas attributable thereto) Balcony area of 48 Sq. Ft, Terrace area of 60 Sq.Ft., Garden area of **250 Sq.Ft.,** and super built up area of **2185 Sq Ft.,** with Two number of **Closed Parking Space.**
7	**Mr. Ehsan Nadeem (Borrower)** **Ekfrazo Technologies Private Limited** **Designation:** Talent Manager **Department:** Human Resource No. 350, Ram Mandir Road, 1st Cross Sahakarnagar, Kodigehalli, Chikkabettahalli BO, Bengaluru 560092. **Also at:** No 196, Sai Dham Apartment, Flat 102, 5th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, Jakkur, Yelabanka, Opp Purple Garden Apartment, Bengaluru 560064 **Also at:** Unit-FF-102, Floor-1, Sai Dham Residency, Plot 196, S No 6, Venkateshpura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063.	**Loan A/c No. 1) 683247133 Rs.46,27,607/- 2) 684158464 Rs. 1,88,559/- Total Amount: Rs. 48,16,166/- [Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.06.2025**	**Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property residential vacant site bearing No. **196,** formed in converted Sy.No.6, converted vide Order No.ALN. SR(NA)176/2002-03, Dated: 02-01-2003, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing Katha No.654/6/196, issued by the Byatarayanapura City Municipal Council Bangalore - 92, BBMP Katha No. 654/6/196, situated at Venkateshapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 60'-0" feet, North to South : 40'-0" feet, in all measuring **2400 Sq.ft,** together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded : **East by**: 35 feet wide Road, **West by**: Survey No. 05, **North by**: Site No. 197, **South by:** Site No. 195. **Schedule B Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing **No. FF-102,** on the First Floor, measuring **1044 Sq.Feet,** Super Built Up Area, containing Two Bed Rooms, constructed with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, together with One Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase and lifts, etc., in the multistoried residential building constructed over Schedule 'A' Property known as **"SAI DHAM RESIDENCY",** and 342 Sq.feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A above, present Flat BBMP Katha No.1167/654/6/196/3/FF-102.
8	**Mr. Ramakrishna S (Borrower)** **SLV Facility Management Services** **Designation:** Proprietor No 6, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru 560003 **Also at:** No 60, 2nd Cross Lakkappa, Layout Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bengaluru 560064 **Also at:** No 85, 4th Cross, Krishna Floor Mill, Hanumanthappa Colony, Seshadri Puram, Bengaluru 560020 **Also at:** House 60, S No 491, Plot 60, New, Khata No 124/107/60 Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560064.	**Loan A/c No. 623665324 Rs.29,67,019/- [Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Nineteen Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 05.03.2025**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing House No.60, old khata No. 107, New BBMP Khata No.124/107/60, in ward No. 11, Kuvempunagara, (Singapura) Situated at Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, (presently called as 2nd Main, Lakkappa Layout, Singapura, Bangalore) measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. of Sital area along with 9 squares RCC Roofed building constructed there on of mosaic flooring, doors and windows are of Honne wood, with all civic amenities and bounded on : **East by**:Site No.61**, West by**:Site No.59, **North by**:30 feet wide Road, **South by**: Site No.91.
9	**Mr. Rambabu Potla (Borrower)** **Odecee, Designation:** Senior Test Engineer **Department:** Testing, **Employee No:** 497889 Level 11, 410 Collins Streeet, Melbourne, Australia, 3000. **Also at:** 19-56/202, Reddy Colony, Miryalguda, Nalgonda 508207 **Also at:** Po Box:3037, 11 Lynette Ct, Taylorshills, Victoria, Seychelles, Austria **Also at:** Flat-E4, 4th Floor, Aashraya Enclave, S No 129, Nagondanahalli, Village, Whitefield, Bengaluru 560066. **Mr. Venkateshwarlu Potla (Power of Attorney)** 3-7, Mailavarapu, Utlapally, Vootle Palle, Miralaguda H O, Nalgonda, Telangana 508207	**Loan A/c No. 621132103 Rs.25,30,281/- [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty One Only] as on 31.12.2025**	**12.01.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.02.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land Bearing **Sy.No. 129,** measuring 18 Guntas (vide converted Official Memorandum dated 23/5/2012, bearing No.ALN.(E.K.H.W)5/2012-13 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) situated at Nagondanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as; **East by:** Property belonging to Ramesh & Manjunath, **West by:** Remaining Portion of the land belonging to H.Suresh; **North by:** Government Channel; **South by:** Road; **Schedule B: 378 Sq.feet** undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property. **Schedule C:** Residential Apartment bearing **No.E-4, Fourth Floor,** admeasuring a total super built area of **1080 Square Feet** consisting of Two Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building known as **"AASHRAYA ENCLAVE",** constructed over the Schedule A property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the Apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation. including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a **car/ scooter Parking slot** to be earmarked and confirmed at the time of registration of the Sale Deed.

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 22.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Malleswaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross,2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096 District - Bangalore

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	**(COMBINE LOAN CODE_NO. 18910000237 Malleswaram Branch)** **Muralimohan R** (Borrower) **Pankaja N P** (Co Borrower)	Property Bearing No Site No. 297, Formed In The Survey No. 218/11 And Survey No.219/7 And Other Survey Measuring East To West: 30 Feet And North To South: 40 Feet Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Feet, Situated At Sondekoppa Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Bounded by : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.296, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No.298.	10-11-2025 ₹ 12,78,065.00	20-01-2026

Place : Malleswaram
Date : 22.01.2026

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

INDIRANAGAR MAIN BRANCH

No.325, C. M. H. Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru -560038, Phone : 080-5252627,
e-mail : vjinba@bankofbaroda.com website : www.bankofbaroda.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **10.02.2026, "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below :

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detailed description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name : Mr. Vansh Verma)	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**Mr.Vansh Verma** S/o Mr. Kamal Verma, #D-021, Andour heights Sector 71 Badshahpur, Gurgaon-122001. **And also at:** Flat No. A-G 10, in Block A, Ground Floor Vandana Alpyne Apartment, Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560056.	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.280/276/275/16/1, in all measuring 41,648 Square Feet which is inclusive of 31.03 Guntas, situated at Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.190, and bounded on the: East by : Private Property, West by : 25 Feet Width Road and thereafter Remaining Property measuring 12,220 Gunta in, Sy No.16/1, North by : Public Tar Road in West to East direction from Mangammanapalya to Somasandrapalya in Sy No.16/1, South by : ITI Layout. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :** 398.39 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment/Flat bearing No.A-G10, Block A, on the Ground Floor in the Residential Building known as 'VANDANA ALPYNE', having a Super Built Up Area measuring 865 Square Feet, Constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, alongwith one Covered Car parking Slot and the Apartment is bounded on the: East by : Open Space in the Same Sy No.16/1, West by : Flat No.A-G09, North by : Open Space in the Same Sy No.16/1, South by : Corridor and Flat No. A-G02.	**Rs.1,08,83,140.78** (One Crore Eight Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred and Forty and Seventy Eight Paisa Only) **as on 20.01.2026** Plus further interest and charges till date.	**10.02.2026** From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	**Reserve Price:** Rs.64,32,210/- **EMD:** Rs. 6,43,221/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: **09.02.2026 upto 5.00 Pm** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs.50,000/-**	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer **on Tel No:080-5252627, Mobile: 7990483891**

Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date: 20.01.2026
Place:- Bengaluru

Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Bengaluru,** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **06.02.2026** "as is where is and as is what is basis" for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

(1) Sri. Syed Aijaz Ahmed S/o. Abdul Rahman, No.5, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Dinnur, Bangalore-560032.	**(2) Smt. Asthma Begum** W/o. Sri Syed Aijaz Ahmed, No.5, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Dinnur, Bangalore-560032.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through web site **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** on **06.02.2026** for Recovery of an amount for **A/c No. 8001/441 & 453 @ VKL, Rs.2,73,00,000 /- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Only) as on 31.12.2025** with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential entire property bearing Corporation No.5 Ward No. 98 (Site No. 5 & 6 formed in Sy No. 36/5 and 36/7 at Matadahalli, Sultanpalya, then Corporation No. 6, 4th Cross, Ganesh Block, then No. 6/5, 1st Main, Dinnur, Division No. 82)Situated at 1st Main, Dinnur, Bengaluru PID No. 98-4-5. including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed on the Site measuring: East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 60 feet, Total Area: 2400 Square feet. and bounded on: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price	**Rs.3,15,00,000/- (Rupees Three crore fifteen lakh Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.31,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty one lakh fifty thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs. 25,000 /- or in such multiples**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**05.02.2026 before 5.00 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com 06.02.2026 from 11.00 am - 12.00 pm with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension**
E-auction Service Provider Details & web site	**M/s ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED Address: # 24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore -560 079, Contact Person: Sushmitha B, Helpline No's: 8951944383 Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com**

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 9(1) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

1. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website of the Service **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com.** M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore is the Service Provider to arrange e-auction platform.
2. The bidders should deposit 10% of Reserve Price before participating in e-auction. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice and internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders will not carry any interest.
3. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider **M/s Antares Systems Limited** Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaranagar, Bangalore- 560 079, **Contact Person: Sushmitha, Helpline No's: 8951944383, Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com**
4. For participating in e-auction sale the intending bidder should register their details with the Service Provider M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore, through the Bank well in advance and get the User ID and password. Only the password may be changed on receiving it. Bidders are required to hold digital signature certificate for participating in the E-Auction at their own cost. The bidder should attach a copy of PAN Card for identity proof and a proof of residence such as Aadhar, Passport, Election I D, Driving License, etc.,
5. The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the Reserve Price.
6. The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and subject to conditions prescribed in the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002
7. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day /with in 24 hours of the sale, being knocked down in his favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 30 days from the sale date through **RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer** to the credit of A/C No.001490030000009 **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Bangalore and IFSC Code of the bank is "HDFC (SIXTH LETTER IS ZERO) 0CMCOBL" After receiving full bid amount Sale Certificate will be issued in favour of successful bidder only. No Nomination facility shall be made available for the purpose of sale certificate.
8. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
9. The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, Registration fee, stamp duty etc., as applicable in related laws.
10. It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue / dues to any local authority and any / all such taxes, revenue / gives any local authority if any as applicable shall be born by the successful bidder only.
11. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him only.
12. Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of Title deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the Title and Encumbrances, if any over the property.
13. The immovable property described herein above shall remain and be at the sole risk of the successful bidder in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of sale by the undersigned Authorized Officer. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
14. All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
15. The Authorized Officer may postpone/cancel the e- Auction without assigning any reason thereof. Sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor who may reject even the highest bid without assigning any reason. Such a decision of the secured creditor shall be final and no claim, whatsoever can be made against or with respect to such a decision. In case , the highest bid is rejected, the Authorized Officer can negotiate with any of the remaining bidders or any other person(s) for sale of the property by private treaty at a price higher than the highest bid.
16. In case the e-Auction scheduled is postponed to a date before **15 days** from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.
17. "The auction purchaser shall be solely responsible for obtaining the E-Katha in respect of the auctioned property. The Bank shall extend necessary assistance only by providing such documents as are available in its possession. However, the Bank shall not be held responsible for procuring, issuing, or ensuring the availability of the E-Katha, and the auction purchaser shall not raise any claim against the Bank in this regard. Further, non-availability or delay in issuance of the E-Katha shall not, under any circumstances, be a ground for the auction purchaser to withhold, defer, or avoid payment of the entire sale consideration."

Note: The intending bidders may contact The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch H.O: #102, 7th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property on the date fixed by the Bank (Contact No.9483281329) E-Mail: mcb_mall@yahoo.com

Date: 21.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.

The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve Price for Private Treaty
1	30198641880450	1) M/s. Mathrushree Electrical & Electronics, 2) Mr. Girish. H, 3)Mrs. Savitha	**Rs.33,89,888/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight Only) **as of 02.07.2020**	**Rs.8,00,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and Parcel of property bearing Grama Khata No.1319/7/1/1, PID No.150200203000222034 Site No.1, Hesaraghatta Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, measuring in one part East & West 19 feet North and South 27 feet totally measuring 513 square feet measuring in second part East and West 18 feet North and South 32 feet totally measuring 576 square feet measuring in totally 1089 square feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.2 & Sridhar Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** BMTC Bus Stand, **South by:** Basavaraj's Property.			
2	45359610000044 33879800000389	1) Mr. Saravana K, Also at: M/s. Sri Maruthi Wholesale Chicken Centre, 2) Mrs. Manjula	**Rs.9,47,749/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Only) **due as on 02-12-2024**	**Rs.8,00,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.469, Sy.No.14, Ward 198, situated at Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently within the limit of BBMP and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.470, **West by:** Site No.468, **North by:** Site No.447 and 448, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 15 Ft and North to South 40 Ft total measuring 600 Sq.ft.			

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 22.01.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavana, Gopanakoppa, Hubballi-580023. Website: hescom.karnataka.gov.in
Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U31401KA2002SGC030437

No : HESCOM/DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/25-26/CYS-9850 Dtd: 13-01-2026

Notification

Sub: Regarding Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF).

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 R/W Section 42(5), (6) & (7) of Electricity Act 2003 (Act No. 36 of 2003) and all powers enabling in this behalf, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission had issued KERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman (Second Amendment) Regulations 2013.

As per Clause No. 3.1 of the said Regulations, every Distribution Licensee shall establish in every Revenue District of its jurisdiction a Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF). To make it convenient for consumers of Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Haveri, Belagavi, Vijayapur, Bagalkot and Gadag Districts of HESCOM jurisdiction, CGRF consisting of chairperson and members have already been created.

The details of existing Chairperson and Members are as below:

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	Chairperson Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by Commission	Forum's Head Quarters
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As per Clause No. 3.2.1 of the said Regulations,in addition to existing district level Forums, Additional CGRF at Corporate level has been created and the details of existing Chairperson and Members of CGRF at Corporate level are as below:

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2. Offences and penalties as provided under section 135 to 139 of the Act.
3. Accident in the distribution, supply or use of electricity as provided under section 161 of the Act.

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Any Complainant aggrieved by the order made by the CGRFs at the Corporate level may make a representation against such order to the Ombudsman within a period of Thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the order. The address of the 'Electricity Ombudsman' is as noted below:

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EDITORIAL

If you shift focus from crisis to crisis or study only critical events without seeing the place and people through the historical lens, you miss other quite critical dimensions

Joya Chatterji

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— Ramnath Goenka

CHALLENGE BEFORE NITIN NABIN: MAKING BJP FUTURE-READY

WHEN low-profile Bihar minister Nitin Nabin's name sprang out of nowhere as the BJP's national working president, his eventual choice as outgoing president J P Nadda's successor was a given. After the formality of organisational elections, Nabin, 45, was handed the baton, marking a generational shift in the BJP whose graying leadership realises the importance of engaging with the youth. His Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad roots, a stint as the BJP Yuva Morcha's national general secretary and five consecutive terms as MLA taught him leadership, team building and mass mobilisation. Not known to be a loose talker, Nabin is also not part of any lobby. Even in Bihar, he was more an exemplary party karyakarta (worker) who delivered as instructed rather than a neta (leader) in the broader sense.

Nabin's appointment is part of the early planning for 2029, when the BJP would seek a fresh mandate. By then, tectonic forces like changed Centre-state relations following the delimitation of constituencies after the delayed Census and quota for women in parliament would have kicked in. Only parties with nimble feet can hope to safely negotiate the multiple pulls such forces would create. Combating anti-incumbency of 15 years while managing mercurial allies would not be easy. Steering the party ship would require a patient listener at the helm, who is a quick learner and a doer—qualities the headhunters saw in Nabin. That the party took three years to find a replacement for Nadda, whose tenure ended in 2023, indicated the protracted efforts to thrash out a consensus with the RSS.

With a clutch of assembly elections on the horizon, Nabin hit the ground running, flagging controversies around Sanatana Dharma and Ram Setu in Tamil Nadu. Known for rejuvenating a moribund party unit in Chhattisgarh to pull off a stunning victory in December 2023, his skills will be tested in the tough states of West Bengal, TN and Kerala, as also combating anti-incumbency in Puducherry. The party has a massive electoral machine that is forever ready. The task before Nabin is to learn on the go, reduce the average leadership age, open new vistas, draw more youth and make the party future-ready. The Bihar BJP does not have a chief ministerial candidate to compete with Nitish Kumar. If Nabin does well, he could well aspire for that position in time.

SNAP POLITICAL NEXUS TO DISBAND SAND MAFIA

THE Enforcement Directorate's crackdown has laid bare the dark underbelly of sand smuggling in Odisha. Beyond political patronage, money laundering and funding of illegal enterprises, the investigation has exposed systemic failures that allow the racket to thrive. Acting on a Comptroller and Auditor General report, the ED raided over two dozen locations in Ganjam district. The findings were damning: cash and properties worth crores, forcible takeover of leases from legitimate holders, and mining carried out in brazen violation of norms. Ganjam is no exception; the pattern is replicated across the state.

With demand soaring, the illegal trade has flourished unchecked. In the latest case, operators were illegally ferrying sand from Odisha to Andhra Pradesh, with part of the proceeds allegedly diverted into an illicit liquor business—underscoring how deeply entrenched and diversified the network has become.

This exposé is merely the tip of the iceberg, given the scale of river sand plunder across Odisha. At the heart of the problem lies a nexus between the mafia and the powers that be—bureaucrats, politicians and sections of the police. The audit flagged how revenue officials routinely looked the other way when statutory clearances were bypassed. More often than not, the administration retreats into silence after token raids, reinforcing suspicions of a protected racket.

To its credit, the state government has announced amendments to the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, including an e-lottery system. A proposal to fix a minimum support price for sand to break leaseholder monopolies is also under consideration. These steps, though welcome, will remain cosmetic unless backed by rigorous enforcement and sustained political will.

What must ultimately drive the government is the grave threat sand smuggling poses to Odisha's rivers. Mineral smugglers have grown so emboldened that they attack officials who stand in their way. If the government is serious about dismantling the mafia, it must go after the nexus that sustains it rather than settle for performative action. It must also heed the Supreme Court ruling barring riverbed mining without scientific assessment of sand replenishment and incorporate this mandate into district survey reports—the basis of mining permissions.

QUICK TAKE

WEALTH FROM THE SEA

IF you have wondered why hardened mats of seaweed are increasingly littering beaches in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat and the Andamans, a new paper by researchers at the University of South Florida offers some answers. The study shows that seaweed blooms have expanded rapidly in tropical waters over the past two decades, thanks to global warming and rising pollutants. The Indian government, which counts some of the 844 species of macroalgae found in Indian seas as 'medical food for the 21st century' because of their use in treating a variety of conditions, must make use of this bloom in an organised manner. Higher seaweed farming support under the PM Matsya Sampada scheme coupled with marketing assistance can support fishers and reduce the beach blots at the same time.

Modi has set illegal immigration as the BJP's campaign plank in the fourth-most populous state. Bengalis are cogitating about the issue amid a strong anti-incumbency sentiment

BJP BLARES THE BUGLE FOR BENGAL BATTLE

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Senior BJP leader

SOURAV ROY

AFTER the splendid BJP-NDA victory at the local body polls in Maharashtra, all eyes are now on West Bengal. While addressing a rally in Malda last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi minced no words in appealing to voters to break the nexus of infiltrators with those in office. He cautioned people about demographic balance being disturbed at some places in the state. In a way, PM Modi has blown the poll bugle and clearly set BJP's campaign agenda.

Remember the situation in West Bengal when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took charge in 2011? When she entered Writers' Building, political analysts had ascribed Banerjee's victory to five key factors—a strong anti-incumbency sentiment after 34 years of Left Front rule; her pro-farmer campaign against the forcible takeover of land at Nandigram and Singur; criminalisation of grassroots politics; near absence of governance in Maoist-dominated areas that had alienated tribal communities; and massive corruption and mismanagement hobbling the state's economy.

Ironically, after 15 years, Banerjee's government is facing an equally severe anti-incumbency sentiment for almost the same reasons. Criminalisation of politics has increased manifold, thanks to the Trinamool Congress sheltering the lumpen elements who had deserted the Left Front. Besides, corruption and misgovernance have made deeper inroads into statecraft under her rule.

After the TMC came to power, the problem of illegal infiltration along the Bangladesh border became even more severe, a trend recorded by security agencies and reports. According to an official response to a parliamentary question raised in Lok Sabha in March 2016, a total of 1,009 cases of illegal infiltration had been registered in 2013 in West Bengal and 2,815 persons had been apprehended. In 2015, the latter figure went up to 3,296. As several reports have pointed out, West Bengal has emerged as the largest gateway for infiltration from Bangladesh. Sadly, the state government has always dismissed the issue as the Border Security Force's responsibility.

Yet, when the central government expanded BSF's operational jurisdiction to 50 km inside the international border with a view to curbing arms smuggling, counterfeit currency networks and illegal migration, the TMC government condemned the decision as an "assault on federalism". Banerjee's government even passed a resolution in the state assembly demanding that BSF's powers be curtailed, despite security experts consistently stressing a strong BSF presence in the border districts as a fundamental national security requirement, particularly in light of repeated terror-related arrests and the unearthing of networks linked to Pakistan's ISI.

Over the last 15 years, the BSF has consistently intercepted and pushed back illegal infiltrators along the Bangladesh border. According to June 2025 data, the force had pushed back more than 5,000 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in the previous three years, which is a clear evidence of the scale and persistence of the problem downplayed by the TMC. Reports have repeatedly mentioned how TMC's "vote-bank appeasement" is carried out with the help of local leaders who facilitate documents like ration cards and voter IDs for new arrivals. Illegal immigration is not just about altering the demography—it can create corridors for narcotics, weapons and counterfeit currency, posing a direct threat to national security.

Meanwhile, communal conflicts have risen in the state. The 2016 clashes in Kaliachak near Malda and later Dhulagarh in Howrah are cases in point. The BJP's allegation of minority appeasement for vote-bank politics has been shared by some eminent Muslims of Kolkata, too. In 2019, a group of 46 Muslim citizens of the city wrote a letter to the chief minister expressing deep concern over recent incidents in the city. Referring to the attacks on a junior doctor in Kolkata and the harassment of model Ushoshie Sengupta by members of their own community, they demanded strict action against the culprits.

The letter, shared online by Mudar Patherya, one of the signatories, stated, "We have been deeply concerned with two events ... in both cases, the attackers belonged to our community. We are grieved and embarrassed." It called on the administration to "bring the assailants to book, not just in these two instances but every single instance where Muslims are involved. They should not be allowed to get away scot-free because they happened to be Muslims (as is the growing perception)".

Add to this the recent case of the tragic death by suicide of government official and Election Commission-appointed booth level officer Ashok Das of Jadavpur. He had recommended the deletion of hundreds of names of those who had failed to prove the authenticity of their registration for voting. Then he had allegedly been repeatedly harassed, abused and threatened by TMC goons. Scared, he decided to end his life. His suicide was in effect the gruesome murder of a government servant who was honestly discharging his duty.

But now the things are changing. After decades of relishing in the romanticism around secularism, trying to believe that 'shonar Bangla' can be shared between communities amicably, Bengalis are being told Hindus may soon be outnumbered by non-Hindus. They are now more conscious of the fact that others are gaining numerical and political strength, thanks to the flow of people coming from across the border. Events in the neighbourhood, especially the way Hindus are being harassed and lynched in Bangladesh, are making people restless.

They know well that till such time as vote-bank-based political parties are in power in the state, the illegal influx of foreign migrants would get overt and covert protection. As a consequence, people have started taking the BJP's allegations about TMC's politics of Muslim appeasement more seriously than ever before. One shouldn't be surprised if this new awakening leads to a true *poriborton* or change in West Bengal.

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MOVING ON: A UN WITHOUT U.S.

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WHEN Donald Trump signed an executive order a few weeks ago withdrawing the US from 66 international organisations, including 31 entities linked to the United Nations, he did not merely thin out America's diplomatic footprint around the world. He took a wrecking ball to the architecture of global cooperation and consensus-building that Washington itself had designed and financed since the end of the Second World War. It was indeed a declaration of war on multilateralism.

The order severed US ties with a sweeping array of bodies spanning international security, law, trade, energy, climate, development and human rights. Among the victims is the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Global Counterterrorism Forum, International Energy Forum, and a string of UN-linked mechanisms such as Peacebuilding Commission and UN Population Fund. Washington also left the International Solar Alliance, led by India and France, that was unveiled by Narendra Modi and Francois Hollande at Paris in November 2015. The sweeping exits signal not only Trump's contempt for collective governance but also his refusal to endorse international cooperation.

This purge comes on top of earlier exits from Unesco and the UN Human Rights Council, alongside the effective dismantling of USAID. It is being accompanied by slashes of more than $2 billion to the UN system, including an $800-million cut in peacekeeping funds. These moves have forced the organisation to shrink its peace missions by a quarter and prepare for staff cuts approaching 20 percent.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres regretted the decisions, but reiterated the organisation's responsibility "to continue to carry out our mandates with determination".

Trump's retreat represents the arrival of what scholars now call the 'world minus one', a global order in which the world's most powerful state remains economically and militarily dominant but is absent from, and increasingly hostile to, the system of rules and institutions that govern global cooperation.

The mythology of American indispensability has long held that multilateralism cannot function without Washington. Trump is now stress-testing that assumption by vandalising the system from within and then stepping outside it.

And yet, inconveniently for Trump, history shows that the world has been here before. The US opposed racial equality at the League of Nations, dragged its feet on decolonisation, refused to ratify the Law of the Sea Convention, voted against the International Criminal Court, and has repeatedly treated international law as optional. Global norms advanced nevertheless. Institutions endured. Multilateralism survived because it exists as an infrastructure of shared interests.

UN

> By vandalising the system of global governance that the US helped build, Trump is stress-testing the mythology of American indispensability. But the world has been here before. Global norms have advanced and institutions endured despite the US's truculence on various fronts

The same pattern is re-emerging. Despite Washington's tantrum, the Paris climate agreement still binds most of the world's economies. The International Criminal Court continues to operate despite US sanctions on its judges. Regional trade architectures are expanding. Trump is demolishing the facade of the house, but the foundations remain intact.

China is already the UN's second-largest contributor, paying nearly 20 percent of the regular budget and almost a quarter of peacekeeping costs, and providing more peacekeeping troops than any other permanent Security Council member. Its trade architecture, particularly the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the upgraded China-Asean free trade agreement, is quietly anchoring the Asia-Pacific economy.

Russia, though far less capable economically, is also active in security-oriented multilateral forums and regional alliances that are increasingly used as buffers against US pressure.

Middle powers and regional coalitions such as Brics, the G20, Asean and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation have become platforms for collective defiance of Trump's tariffs and threats. Brazil has ignored US pressure over the prosecution of Jair Bolsonaro. South Africa has publicly rejected Washington's claims of persecution of white citizens. India has expanded its trade architecture with Europe and Asia while maintaining strategic autonomy. African-led peace operations, funded largely by the European Union, are increasingly doing what shrinking UN missions can no longer afford to do.

The UN is financially wounded and politically bruised, but not irrelevant. It remains the only universal forum where democracies and autocracies still cooperate on humanitarian relief, development finance, global health and peacekeeping.

To survive, the UN must adapt. Core missions, including humanitarian relief, peacekeeping, mediation and development coordination, must be prioritised. It must mobilise private capital, philanthropic foundations and regional development banks far more aggressively. It must also persuade middle powers, from India to Brazil to Indonesia, that underwriting multilateralism is no longer optional if they want influence in shaping it.

The once-unthinkable proposal to move the UN headquarters out of New York deserves serious consideration—not as symbolism, but as insulation against American political hostage-taking through visas and access.

Will the US return? Possibly. But it will not return to the throne. Trump has broken the myth of American reliability. Even a future administration that seeks to repair the damage will find a world that has moved on, diversified its alliances and hedged against US caprice.

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Beyond budget

Ref: *Use budget to launch next-gen reforms* (Jan 21). Increased spending and reform-oriented announcements convey optimism, but their impact will depend on timely implementation and institutional capacity. If reforms remain limited to financial outlays without deep systemic change, they may fail to address structural weaknesses.
Narayanan Kizhumundayur, Thrissur

Diplomatic tightrope

While growth should be celebrated, it's important not to get carried away and proceed with caution for the incoming obstacles. History has taught us how US sanctions never turn out well. We must guard our resources and ensure our dependency on America is neither exploited nor misunderstood for lack of self-sufficiency.
Nrithya Santhosh, Bengaluru

Iran's resistance

Ref: *Karbala to Tehran* (Jan 21). One has to concur with the author's observations. The ideological foundation of the Islamic Republic—which relies on this sacred history—is faltering. The cultural resistance narrative fuels a societal willingness to endure immense pressure, but this endurance is now being directed at removing the leadership, rather than supporting it.
R Sampath, email

Playing boss

Ref: *Party rein in Nabin hands* (Jan 21). Prime Minister Modi's declaration that he's "only a worker" and that Nitin Nabin is his "boss" reminds me of a hoarding a man had recently put at his house's entrance saying, 'I'm the boss of this house—my wife has permitted me to say so.'
P G Menon, Chennai

Closing rift

Ref: *Ravi refuses to deliver speech* (Jan 21). It's saddening that the governor has refused to deliver the customary speech for the third time. While reasons were cited, I believe that we must continue to grow beyond these rifts. Change and transformation are best achieved through dialogue.
P Kiran Joseph, Chennai

Dr Google

Ref: *Steroid use key trigger* (Jan 21). AI has led people into largely relying on self diagnosis and consuming of unprescribed drugs. We have seen it before with Dr Google. People must be aware of possible secondary effects of unprescribed drugs to avoid unfavourable situations.
Shaurya Ashish, email

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Tomorrow, there is a national conference organized by the Save MGNREGA Front, which will be addressed by the Congress President and the Leader of the Opposition in LS

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Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
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IAF chief bats for military power with example of Venezuela, Iraq

Chief of Air Staff highlights air power as a decisive component in conflict situations

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AIR Chief Marshal AP Singh on Wednesday stressed the importance of a strong military, warning that without it a nation risks being overpowered. The Chief of Air Staff said military strength remains central to national power and highlighted air power as a decisive component.

Singh said during a public interaction attended by defence professionals and analysts, "We must understand that military power stands as the ultimate arbiter of national power. Any one of these powers is very important, but finally, what is required is a robust military, because if you don't have it, you can be subjugated by anybody." He cited recent global examples, adding, "Venezuela and Iraq are the most recent examples."

The Air Chief underlined that restraint in the use of force is effective only when backed by strength. "It is the military power which is important, but what is more important is the will to use that military power," he said. "Unless you have that will, you can keep showing restraint, but that restraint will be seen as a weakness. It is only when you're strong enough, and you show restraint, that it is seen as a capability."

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Emphasising air power, Singh said, "The part of military power that has come in handy, or which has delivered what was required to be delivered, is air power. It becomes very important that we focus our attention on this part of the military in case we want to be a force to reckon with."

The Indian Air Force is facing depletion in its combat squadron strength. While the sanctioned strength was fixed at 42 squadrons in 2012, the force currently operates around 30 squadrons, raising concerns about readiness for a two-front conflict.

Referring to recent operations, the Air Chief pointed to the IAF's role in targeting terrorist infrastructure inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir during Operation Sindoor. "Whether it is getting people out of the conflict zone, whether it is to give a blow to terrorist infrastructure and their perpetrators, or whether it is attacking bases in Pakistan in a matter of a few hours to send a signal that enough is enough and bring them to their knees, it was the air power which did the trick," he said. "Let us not rest on past glory. Let us brace up for the future challenges." The government had authorised the strikes following the April 22, 2025, terrorist attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians.

Praising former IAF Chief Subroto Mukherjee, Singh said, "He built the Indian Air Force in an era of constraints, uncertainties, and limited resources," and credited his foresight for placing the service on the right path.

On tri-service integration, Singh reiterated that the IAF supports jointness but favours an India-specific approach. Speaking at Ran Samvad 2025, he had said, "We can't simply copy countries like China or the US. We must assess our own requirements. We shouldn't feel pressured to act hastily."

He added, "The aim is to enable quicker decision making at the commanders' level, but joint structures should not end up adding layers to the process."

Amid tariff tension over Russian oil, US Army Secy to meet Jaishankar

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID continuing strain in US-India relations over tariff uncertainty, US Army Secretary Daniel P Driscoll is scheduled to arrive in New Delhi. Sources confirmed that this will be Driscoll's first visit to India since assuming charge as Secretary of the Army in February last year. He will be accompanied by a 13-member delegation from the United States.

After a brief stopover in New Delhi, the delegation is expected to travel to a Central Asian country before returning to the Indian capital on January 23. During his visit, Driscoll is scheduled to hold talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, with a focus on strengthening defence and strategic cooperation.

It is also learnt that the US Army Secretary is seeking a meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his stay.

The visit comes in the backdrop of Washington having imposed a 50 per cent tariff on India in August 2025 as a penalty for continuing oil purchases from Russia.

Despite the tariff action, the US State Department in November 2025 approved the sale of up to 216 Excalibur artillery

munitions and 100 Javelin anti-tank missile systems to India at an estimated cost of $93 million. The Indian Army had used M982 Excalibur precision-guided artillery shells during Operation Sindoor, and the latest procurement is meant to replenish stocks used with M777 howitzers.

The United States has been promoting its military equipment for the Indian Armed Forces, including the Stryker armoured vehicle, though the Indian Army is also examining indigenous alternatives.

Talks on the co-production of GE F414 jet engines between HAL and GE are in a crucial stage, with the deal possibly concluding this financial year or in 2026. The delegation is expected to visit a military facility and witness the Republic Day parade on January 26.

Spain joins Indo-Pacific ocean initiative

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SPAIN on Wednesday formally joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), marking a significant expansion of its engagement in the region and a major step forward in India–Spain relations.Launched by India in 2019, the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative aims to foster cooperation for a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific, strengthening maritime security, stability and development.

Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares handed over the Declaration of Accession to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi, announcing that Spain would also upgrade its ties with India to a "strategic association," the highest level of bilateral partnership. Albares described India as a "reliable country" committed to international law, multilateralism and the principles of the UN Charter, stressing that in an increasingly complex global environment, Spain sees India as a stable and trustworthy partner. He said Madrid was keen to deepen bilateral cooperation.

Pradhan seeks screening of school students to identify disabled kids

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

EDUCATION Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday called for screening of the 25 crore-plus school children in the country to identify those with special needs quite early. Only 20% of them get identified, he added.

Inaugurating a three-day Inclusive Education Summit 2026 organised by the Education Ministry, Pradhan said, "Atleast 2.5% of the children in our country fall under the classification of Children with Special Needs (CwSN). This translates to 1 crore and 20 lakh children falling under this category.

However, our records reveal only between 22 and 23 lakh CwSN. Hence, there is a need to carry out screening of all children across schools in the country for early identification of their needs."

Inclusive education is not the responsibility of schools or families alone but a responsibility that must be shared by society as a whole. It is crucial to identify learning challenges such as Dyslexia and Dyscalculia early on as timely intervention can shape the future of the child well, he added.

"The foundation of Viksit Bharat can be laid through education that is equitable, sensitive, and inclusive. The expansion of disability categories from six to twenty-one by the Government reflects this inclusive approach," he added.

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Dharmendra Pradhan, Education Minister

Secretary of Department of School Education and Literacy, Sanjay Kumar, pointed out the need for Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres to have a specific day every week earmarked for CwSN. "On that specific day, specialist doctors need to be available. Teachers could take these students on those specific days to these centres," he said. The Education Ministry will fund the transportation requirements.

This is important as the children who visit hospitals are taken to the health centre with much difficulty. "Often it happens that some specialist or the other is not available and the child needs to be visit the medical centre repeatedly," the Secretary added.

The Union Minister walked through an exhibition showcasing assistive products, solutions, and smart technologies at the summit. He expressed appreciation for the innovative and world-class solutions developed by Indian start-ups to make education more inclusive and to address the diverse needs of special children.

The Summit aims to strengthen policies, practices, and innovations for inclusive education for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, said an official release.

SC extends stay on Aravalli height order

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday extended the stay of the operation of its earlier November 20 verdict—delivered by the then CJI B R Gavai—which had restricted the definition of the Aravalli range to landforms rising at least 100 metres above the local terrain.

"Interim directions issued on December 29, 2025, shall operate," said a bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant. During the hearing on Wednesday, the top court noted in its order that it was submitted by parties that illegal mining was taking place in scattered places and K M Natraj (Additional Solicitor General) assured that no such illegal mining shall take place.

The court also asked for names of eminent environmentalists and forest experts so that an expert body could be formed to look into all aspects and assist the court. Such a committee shall work under direct control and supervision of this court.

The apex court on Wednesday sought suggestions from amicus curiae and other lawyers on the names of persons to be included in an expert committee proposed to be constituted to examine the issues surrounding the definition of the Aravalli hills and environmental concerns arising from mining in the hills. The court added that this expert committee shall work under direct control and supervision of the court. Senior Advocate Raju Ramachandran, appearing for a group of Rajasthan farmers, submitted to the court that mining leases have been granted, so it has to be stopped.

Nov 20 order banned fresh mining leases

The top court had on November 20 accepted a uniform definition of the Aravalli Hills and ranges and banned the grant of fresh mining leases inside its areas spanning Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat until experts' reports are out. It had accepted the recommendations of an Inter-ministerial committee on the definition of the Aravalli Hills and ranges.

Amid the outcry over the new definition of Aravallis, the top court on December 29 last year had kept in abeyance its November 20 directions that accepted a uniform definition of these hills and ranges, saying there is a need to resolve "critical ambiguities" including whether the 100-metre elevation and the 500-metre gap between hills criteria will strip significant portion of the range of environment protection. The top court had on November 20 accepted a uniform definition of the Aravalli Hills and ranges and banned the grant of fresh mining leases inside its areas spanning Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat until experts' reports are out.

It had accepted the recommendations of a committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the definition of the Aravalli Hills and ranges to protect the world's oldest mountain system. The November 20 ruling was pronounced by the top court in a suo motu matter linked to the long-running TN Godavarman Thirumulpad environmental litigation.

SC worried over drying up of Chandigarh lake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh, as a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant remarked, "Aur kitna sukhaoge Sukhna Lake, ko?" (How much are you going to ruin Lake Sukhna).

The court passed these observations after hearing an interim application filed in the long-pending 1995 public interest litigation titled In Re: TN Godavarman Thirumulpad, which deals with forest conservation and environmental protection.

The Bench also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, flagged the alleged collusion between builder mafias, bureaucrats and political entities behind the lake's gradual destruction.

During the hearing, CJI said illegal constructions had mushroomed around the lake's catchment area due to "collusion and connivance with bureaucrats".

US, not others, paying for Trump tariffs: Report

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

A study published in January 2026 by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy concludes that the sweeping United States import tariffs imposed in 2025 produced a self-inflicted economic cost. Rather than forcing foreign exporters to shoulder the burden, the tariffs operated as a levy on American buyers, functioning in effect as a selective consumption tax.

The policy brief, "America's Own Goal: Who Pays the Tariffs?", authored by Julian Hinz, Aaron Lohmann, Hendrik Mahlkow and Anna Vorwig, draws on shipment-level evidence covering nearly $4 trillion in trade and more than 25 million consignments. Its central finding is stark: for every $100 in tariff revenue, around $96 is paid by American buyers, while only $4 comes from reduced foreign exporter margins.

The conclusion rests on econometric estimates showing that exporter prices respond only marginally to tariffs. Across the full dataset, the estimated price elasticity of exportables with respect to tariffs is close to zero. Adjustment instead occurs through quantities. Shipment values, weights, and volumes fall sharply after tariff increases, while unit prices remain largely unchanged.

India provides one of the clearest demonstrations. The Indian tariff shock was sharp and discrete. A 25 per cent duty imposed in early August 2025 was raised to 50 per cent by month-end, one of the most abrupt trade interventions in recent history. Using FOB prices at Indian ports, the study compares exports to the United States with shipments to the European Union, Canada, and Australia, which imposed no new tariffs. Export prices to the US did not decline, but export values and quantities fell by roughly 18-24 per cent relative to other destinations. Indian exporters chose retrenchment over discounting, redirecting supply rather than cutting margins in the US market.

US customs receipts increased by roughly $200 billion in 2025, but the gain was drawn almost entirely from American businesses and households. Exporters across India, China, Brazil, and Russia largely held prices steady, allowing volumes, not margins, to absorb the shock.

Together, the India and Brazil cases anchor the study's broader findings. When tariffs are large, exporters do not erode margins to preserve market share. They cut shipments, redirect supply, and accept reduced access. Several factors explain this response, including limited scope for price cuts, alternative markets, sticky supply chains, and expectations of temporary tariffs.

The evidence is unusually granular. Each shipment is matched to the exact tariff rate on the day of US entry, isolating tariff effects from global price swings or seasonal demand. China shows the same pattern, with prices holding and volumes adjusting. Consumers pay more, choice narrows, supply chains weaken, and losses exceed receipts through deadweight costs. Factories slow and hours shrink.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A report says tariffs are a tax on Americans. The claim that foreign countries "pay" for US tariffs is empirically false. With approximately 96% pass-through, nearly all the tariff burden falls on American importers and, ultimately, consumers. The **$200 billion** surge in customs revenue represents **$200 billion** extracted from American businesses and households

Tariffs do not transfer wealth from foreigners to Americans. They transfer wealth from American consumers to the US Treasury. This is economically equivalent to a consumption tax—but one that applies selectively to imported goods, creating additional distortions

Trade volumes adjust, not prices. The primary effect of tariffs is to reduce imports, not to force foreign producers to accept lower prices. This means fewer goods, less variety, and disrupted supply chains

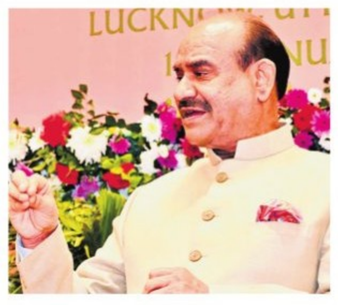
Legislative, parliamentary systems to have National Legislative Index: Birla

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Lucknow

THE process to create a 'National Legislative Index'(NLI) for evaluation and comparative assessment of the performance of legislative bodies based on objective parameters will soon begin. A resolution to this effect was adopted on Wednesday at the 86th All India Presiding Officers Conference. The meeting also decided to establish a conducive environment for promoting healthy competition with greater accountability in the public interest.

After days of deliberations, the Presiding Officers of legislative assemblies from all states adopted six resolutions at the conference. These included key issues such as the creation of a NLI, and building consensus among all political parties to increase the number of sittings of state legislatures to a minimum of 30 sittings a year.

In his valedictory address, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla appealed to leaders and members of all political parties, ahead of the upcoming Budget



Speaker backs proposed accountability measure

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sesison in Parliament, to cooperate in ensuring the smooth functioning of the House.

Birla also cautioned against any planned disruptions during the Budget session, stating that the role of the legislature is crucial in achieving the goal of 'Viksit-Bharat' by 20247.

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Explaining the need for a National Legislative Index, Birla said it would facilitate healthy competition among legislatures and enhance the quality of dialogue and efficiency across legislative bodies in the country. He added that a committee has been constituted for the creation of the National Legislative Index.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan, Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, and the Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly also addressed the session.

IN CUFFS

The police have arrested three persons in connection with the firing at a Bihar judicial magistrate's wife in Jharkhand's Godda district last week, a senior officer said on Wednesday.

WANTED — CRIMINAL SHOT DEAD BY ASSAILANTS IN LUDHIANA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	16	Mumbai	28	24
Bhopal	25	13	Panaji	32	19
Jaipur	24	13	Patna	21	11
Amritsar	16	07	Lucknow	22	11
Chennai	29	24	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	26	15	Imphal	22	10
Srinagar	06	-2	Chandigarh	21	08

To be implemented in view of 'adverse effects of population imbalance' ● Sena gets backing from five MNS corporators in KDMC

Raj 2nd state to bring in Disturbed Areas Act

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

Ministers Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, Jogaram and Sumit Godara address the press

Transfer of immovable property invalid sans nod

Under the proposed law, once an area is declared disturbed, the transfer of immovable property will be considered invalid and void without prior permission from the competent authority. Property transfers will be permitted only after obtaining such approval. Offences under the bill will be cognisable and non-bailable.

THE Rajasthan cabinet decided on Wednesday to implement the Disturbed Areas Act, becoming the second state after Gujarat to do so. The legislation empowers the state to declare certain localities as "disturbed areas" and impose a ban on buying and selling property for up to 3 years. The government said the law aims to prevent tensions from imbalance.

The decision was announced at a press conference at the Chief Minister's Office, addressed by Industries and Commerce Minister Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, and Food and Civil Supplies Minister Sumit Godara. They said the cabinet approved the draft of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Transfer of Immovable Property and Provision for Protection of Tenants from Eviction from Premises in Disturbed Areas Bill, 2026.

Patel said "situations of population imbalance adversely affect public order, harmony, and the community character of peaceful coexistence". He said that during riots and mob violence, permanent residents are forced to sell properties at distress prices. "Under the proposed law, once an area is declared disturbed, the transfer of immovable property will be considered invalid and void without prior permission from the competent authority. Property transfers will be permitted only after obtaining such approval," he said.

Patel said offences under the bill will be cognisable and non-bailable, punishable with three to five years' imprisonment and a fine. He said it will protect permanent residents, safeguard tenants' rights, and preserve communal harmony. The bill will be presented in the Assembly session.

State president Govind Singh Dotasra called it an "attempt to legitimise government hooliganism". Calling it a "government formed through a slip of paper", he alleged it functioned on instructions from Gujarat and Delhi. "A slip of paper came from Gujarat, and a law was enacted. This is neither the language of governance nor the language of the Constitution," he said.

Shinde gets Raj support to checkmate Maha BJP

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

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Sena likely to dictate terms while choosing mayor

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THE power tussle between the BJP and the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena continued in Maharashtra, as the latter claimed the support of five MNS corporators to stake a claim to the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) government, checkmating the BJP, which was eyeing the mayor post.

In KDMC, Shiv Sena emerged as the single largest party with 53 corporators, followed by the BJP with 50 seats. The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena secured 11 seats, the Congress won two, and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP-SP won one. In the 122-member KDMC, any party needs to cross the 61-seat threshold to form the government, while neither Shiv Sena nor BJP has the mandate to form the government on its own. Both parties need the support of alliance partners to stake a claim.

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Earlier, during the Nagar Panchayat elections, the BJP sought support of 12 Congress councillors and staked a claim to power in Ambarnath Nagar Panchayat. The BJP later inducted the Congress corporators but still failed to form the government.

RANCHI DIARY

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State to host first-ever Hill Marathon

In a landmark initiative to promote sports tourism and environmental awareness, Jharkhand is all set to host its first-ever Hill Marathon at Netarhat on January 25, which coincides with National Tourism Day. The event marks a significant step towards positioning the scenic hill station as an emerging destination for adventure and sports-based tourism. The Netarhat Hill Marathon seeks to blend fitness, tourism, and environmental conservation. Besides marathon, a plantation drive will also be organised to spread awareness about forest conservation under the theme "Save Trees, Save Forests." The initiative is designed to encourage responsible tourism.

Opposition seeks details of Soren's foreign trips

Questioning the outcome of the official foreign trip of a CM Hemant Soren-led state delegation, BJP has demanded that a White Paper from the state government on the investments that came to Jharkhand from the Sweden and Spain visits of the CM last year. The state BJP alleged that hobbies were important and the CM also had the full right to go on vacations, even if it was at the expense of taxpayers' money. According to BJP leaders after his first foreign tour, the Hemant government had made tall claims that investments worth thousands of crores would come to the state, but not a single investment is visible on the ground.

Couple, child test HIV+ after blood transfusion

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN yet another case of alleged negligence in the government health setup, three members of a family—a man, his wife, and their elder child—tested positive for HIV after receiving infected blood from the blood bank at Sadar Hospital in West Singhbhum.

Notably, this is not the first case of negligence in West Singhbhum. In October last year, five children suffering from thalassemia, got HIV after being given infected blood at the hospital. These recurring incidents have raised serious doubts about the functioning of the hospital management.

According to the victim family, this woman's first delivery took place through cesarean section at Chaibasa Sadar Hospital in January 2023. Due to excessive bleeding during delivery, she was given a blood transfusion from the hospital's blood bank. According to the family, since the woman received infected blood at the time, the whole family became infected. The matter came to light when the woman became pregnant for the second time in June last. During a routine check-up, it was found that she was HIV positive.

Over 100 from Punjab under lens in Canada for extortion

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FOREIGN CRACKDOWN

111 foreign nationals, most of whom are from India's Punjab, are under scrutiny in Lower Mainland extortion cases

Investigators are reviewing **1,000+** exhibits and hundreds of hours of CCTV footage

Nearly **100** judicial authorisations have led to multiple search warrants and arrests

Seven people have been charged. Authorities say refugee status will not shield suspects

BRITISH COLUMBIA EXTORTION TASK FORCE IS HANDLING 32 ACTIVE FILES TO IDENTIFY EXTORTION NETWORKS

THE British Columbia Extortion Task Force in Canada is investigating the role of 111 foreign nationals, mostly from Punjab, who may be inadmissible under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. The agency is analysing hundreds of hours of CCTV footage in connection with a series of extortion cases targeting communities in Lower Mainland region. So far, nine of these individuals have been removed from Canada.

A statement issued by the task force stated that the refugee status (asylum) will not protect suspects from legal action. "Four months after the BC Extortion Task Force was announced, the BC RCMP is providing a brief update on its ongoing efforts to advance investigations. The task force has taken conduct of 32 files from jurisdictions across the Lower Mainland. Investigators are analysing physical, digital and forensic evidence to establish linkages and advance investigations towards enforcement into identified cluster groups.

As new extortion-related files come in for initial response by police of jurisdiction, each is assessed to determine whether it is connected to any of the ongoing, previously identified series under investigation by the Task Force.

Investigators continue to liaise with and provide support to local police across the province. The task force is working extensively with policing partners across Canada and supporting the ongoing work of the Canada Border Services Agency to assess and enforce immigration violations. Important evidentiary pieces require judicial authorisations to be lawfully secured, and the task force has obtained almost 100 judicial authorisations and executed multiple search warrants across the Lower Mainland, Southeast District and in Alberta. Investigators have made arrests, conducted searches incidental to those arrests and obtained statements to lawfully secure perishable evidence.

"In total, because of task force investigative efforts to date, seven individuals have been criminally charged. Concurrently, municipal policing partners have secured charges in some of their respective investigations both through independent investigations and through collaborative efforts," it states.

Assistant Commissioner John Brewer of the BC RCMP said, "The task force has over 1,000 exhibits and hundreds of hours of CCTV footage that is being analysed."

EC seeks reports from Didi about steps taken against 4 Bengal officials

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

ED chief to visit Kolkata

ED chief Rahul Navin is likely to visit Kolkata for three days from Thursday, hardly two weeks after the Central investigating agency probing a money laundering case link with a coal smuggling scam conducted search operations separately at the residence of Pratik Jain, director of the I-PAC, a political consultancy firm.

EXPRESSING dissatisfaction with the Mamata Banerjee government, the Election Commission of India on Wednesday wrote to West Bengal chief secretary Nandini Chakraborty seeking details of action taken against four polling personnel for violating ECI guidelines. ECI secretary Sujeet Kumar Mishra asked the state to submit a report within 72 hours.

The Commission sought explanations for initiating disciplinary proceedings against two AEROs, Tathagata Mondal and Sudipta Das, without mandatory consultation with the ECI. A senior WBCEO official said the letter was significant as top Nabanna bureaucrats behind the action "must be answerable to the Commission".

The government informed the ECI that "one official, namely, Tathagata Mondal, AERO, 137-Baruipur Purba AC has been exonerated and a minor penalty has been imposed on Sudipta Das, AERO-206 Moyna AC." The Commission rejected this because the disciplinary proceedings did not adhere to the prescribed procedure and without mandatory consultation with the commission.

On 2 January, after remaining silent since August 2025, the poll body directed WBCEO Manoj Agarwal to ensure immediate FIRs against two EROs, two AEROs, and a casual data entry operator over electoral-roll revision irregularities in Baruipur Purba and Moyna. On Wednesday, Mishra told Chakraborty, "A written explanation shall be called for from the competent authority/officer responsible for the aforesaid procedural lapse."

Panic among students as hyena enters school

A sudden atmosphere of panic gripped Patrahatu village at Silli in Ranchi when a hyena entered the premises of Adarsh High School. More than 100 children were present in the school at the time, with classes in progress. The hyena was spotted in the village at 8 am, causing fear among the residents. Shortly afterward, the animal entered a school building. The school administration, however, claimed that the hyena did not enter the classrooms but went into an old room of the school building. Immediately, a team of experts from Birsa Zoological Park, reached there and after a three-hour of effort, the hyena was rescued safely.

J&K woman to lead all-men CRPF contingent

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A FIRST

1. This marks the first time a woman will command an all-male CRPF contingent
2. It will include over 140 male personnel during the annual R-Day event
3. Simran joined the CRPF after clearing the UPSC CAPF exam in 2023

SIMRAN Bala, a young CRPF Assistant Commandant from the Jammu and Kashmir border district of Rajouri, is all set to create a history by becoming the first woman paramilitary officer to lead an all-male CRPF contingent at the Republic Day parade at the Kartavya Path in New Delhi on January 26.

For the first time ever, a woman officer will command an all-male CRPF contingent of over 140 male personnel during the annual R-Day event.

Simran, 26, hails from the border area of Nowshera in Rajouri, and her journey is deeply rooted in a region shaped by conflict and resilience.

Nowshera, along with order border areas, faced the brunt of the Pakistani attack and was also at the receiving end of Pakistani shelling during the three-day skirmishes between Indian and Pakistani troops after May 7, 2025 "Operation Sindoor" launched by the Indian military to target and destroy militant infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK.

Simran joined the CRPF after clearing the UPSC Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) examination in 2023, securing the 82nd All India Rank in her very first attempt. She was the only woman candidate from J&K Union Territory to qualify that year.

She is the first woman from J&K's Rajouri district to join the CRPF as an officer.

Simran was commissioned into the paramilitary CRPF in April 2025. Her first posting was in the 'Bastariya' battalion in Chhattisgarh, where she was part of anti-Naxal operations.

Her aspiration to don the uniform and join armed forces took shape early in life.

According to Simran, right from her childhood, she wanted to join the armed forces, as she has grown in close proximity of armed force personnel as her native village is close to the LoC, and there was constant interaction with the army personnel deployed at the frontiers.

Many of her close relatives serve in the armed forces. Having grown up observing them, she was determined and aspired to follow in their footsteps and now will be writing a history by leading all men's contingent at the R-Day parade on January 26.

Simran's participation in this Republic Day event will inspire young aspiring women across the country who dream big and achieve their dreams.

Success story: From fossils to factories, Kutch turns desolation into destiny

VISMAY BASU @ Kutch

Fossilised trunk of Jurassic age tree

AT first glance, Kutch appears forbidding — an arid frontier of salt deserts, scant rainfall, and settlements clinging to the edge of habitability. Long dismissed as barren and peripheral, the region today tells one of India's most striking stories of transformation. Here, geological deep time, ancient civilisation, modern industry, and tourism converge. What once seemed a liability has been reimagined as an advantage.

The story begins millions of years ago. The Rann of Kutch was once a shallow marine basin connected to the Arabian Sea. Tectonic shifts and climatic change drained the waters, leaving the Great and Little Rann — landscapes of seasonal flooding and blinding winter desiccation. Near Dholavira, the Akal Wood Fossil Park preserves 100-million-year-old fossilised tree trunks, some over thirteen metres long, proof that dense forests once thrived here. As a National Geological Monument, it anchors Kutch in Earth's prehistoric narrative.

Millennia later, this harsh terrain was home to Dholavira, one of the Indus Valley Civilization's largest and most sophisticated cities. Occupied between roughly 3000 and 1500 BCE, the settlement reveals meticulous planning and perhaps the Harappan world's most advanced water management system. Stone reservoirs captured seasonal runoff, sustaining urban life under scarcity. Its inscription in the undeciphered Indus script and evidence of craft and trade networks reflect the Kutchi theme: scarcity met with innovation.

The motif resurfaced after the devastating earthquake of 26 January 2001. Amid collapse and falling land values, renewal emerged. Welspun City near Anjar, built in 2004, transformed disaster-scarred land into a vast industrial township. Producing globally exported textiles and large-scale pipes, it reshaped employment, infrastructure, and social geography while addressing ecological limits through recycling and green buffers.

Kutch today is a layered time made visible — fossils, cities and factories bound by vision.

The writer was part of a sponsored tour in Gujarat

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No.22, Ground Floor, Tata Silk Farm near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-04.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. SOWBHAGYA.A.R. W/o. Sri. Varadanayaka,** Aged about 62 years, Residing at: No.365, 11th Cross, Srirampura 2nd Stage, Mysore- 570023, AADHAR No: 9540 8562 4112. Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential immovable property bearing **Site No.348A,** presently bearing Khatha No. 2614, comprised within the Layout known as **"Raja Iris"** (earlier known as **"Sai City"**) of converted land bearing Sy. No. 20/2, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas and Sy No. 20/3, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, and presently now comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, vide BBMP khatha No. 2510/348A, and presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP having PID No. 2992827791 situated at **Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and measuring Eastern side **26 feet,** Western side **26 feet,** Northern side **40 feet** and Southern side **42 feet 9 inches** and in all measuring **1078 sq. feet**

AND BOUNDED

East by : Private Property. West by : Road. North by : Site No.348B. South by : Site No. 348.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 207, Ground Floor, 26 cross, Near Vishnuvardhan Statue, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Poornaprajna Layout, Bengaluru.-61
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property **1. Sri. B.PRASANNA KUMAR, S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah,** Aged About 82 years, AADHAR No. (xxxx xxxx 2247), **2. Sri. B.VIJAYAKUMAR, S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah,** Aged About 75 years, (AADHAR No. xxxx xxxx 2616), both are represented by their GPA Holder Sri. B. Manjesh Kumar and **3. Sri. B.MANJESH KUMAR, S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah,** Aged About 67 years, (AADHAR No. xxxx xxx 0078) and accordingly entered into an agreement to sell. All are Residing Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

Anybody has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped agricultural vacant land bearing **Sy.No. 58/2A,** measuring **0-11 (Eleven) Guntas** of dry land having khata No. 58, situated at **Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** with all rights appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **AND BOUNDED ON:**

East by : Property belongs to Sri. Maruthi Rao and Sri. Lakshmikanth. West by : Property belongs to Sri. Veeranna. North by : Property belongs to Smt. Indrani. South by : Property belongs to Sri. Ajay Khaitan.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 207, Ground Floor, 26 cross, Near Vishnuvardhan Statue, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Poornaprajna Layout, Bengaluru.-61
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **1. Smt. S.VASANTHA W/o. late. V.K. Selvaraj, Sri. R. SHASHIKALA, 3. SMT. S.SHANTHI MAHENDRA AND 4. Smt. SHARADHA,** all are legal heirs of late. V.K. Selvaraj and residing at No.225/14/1, 3rd Main Road, T.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-560028.

Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. 26, 27 & 28, formed out of Sy. No. 4, Situated at **Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru** and property measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **67.5 feet** and in all measuring **2700 Sq.ft** and consisting of Square of building consisting of residential houses and commercial shops and presently the property is within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP having property No. 127/34/2/26,27,28 and E PID No. 7364210348 and in all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface including all the rights and privileges thereon and bounded on:

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by: Site No. 19, 20 & 21. West by : Road. North by : Road. South by.: Site No. 23, 24 & 25.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 207, Ground Floor, 26 cross, Near Vishnuvardhan Statue, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Poornaprajna Layout, Bengaluru.-61
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby informed that my Clients **Smt. Challa Lakshmi Prasana** W/o.S.P.Prasad, Residing at No:408, 7th Cross, Domlur BANGALORE-560071.Has lost the original AUCTION SALE DEED dated 21.02.2007 registered as Document No:7276/2006-2007, pertaining to the below mentioned SCHEDULE PROPERTY. The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the SCHEDULE PROPERTY shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.408, situated at Domlur 1st Stage, With building thereupon with necessary BWSSB and BESCOM connections. Measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 36.6 + 38/2. And Bounded on:

East by : Site No:437
West by : Road
North by: Site No:409
South by: Road

SRI. B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No. 334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob: 98450 22593

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II: AT BANGALORE
CASE No 0.A.542/2025

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A)of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

STATE BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant

V/S : Sri Amith Kumar Tamrakar ...Defendant

To , Sri Amith Kumar Tamrakar S/o Ram Lakhan Ram Lakhan Tamrakar R/at No Behind Tamrarkar Dharmshala, Tamrakar Tola Satna, Madhya Pradesh Pin-485661

Also at : R/at no 304, Jaya Hibiscus 16th Cross, 3rd Main Road Near Narayana E-Techno School Ashirwad Colony, Hoyasala Nagar Horamavu, Bangalore-560016 **... DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an original application for the recovery of the loan obtained by you by applicant bank under **Section 19 of RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO THE BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 for a sum Rs. 23,83,622/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand and Six Hundred and Twenty Two Only)** the relief claimed in the application and for other relief's.

The above named defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appeal before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause **on 27.4.26 at 10.30 AM** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day of **07.01.2026**.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, Registrar-II Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II ; AT BANGALORE
CASE NO 0.A.516/2025

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

STATE BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant

V/S : Sri Dharmveer Sharma ..Defendant

To , Mr.Dharmveer Sharma S/o Keshav Dutt Sharma Aged 41 years No.313, West Block Gayathri Good Life, Kannamangala Road Seegehalli, Bangalore-79 M.No.8408800441.

Also at : No. 387, Deen Dayal Nagar , Near Maharaja Complex, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, PIN-474 020 **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an original application for the recovery of the loan obtained by you by applicant bank under **Section 19 of RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO THE BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993** for a sum **Rs. 33,42,990/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Forty Two Thousand and Nine Hundred and Ninety Only)** the relief claimed in the application and for other reliefs.

The above named defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appeal before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause **on 29-4-26 at 10.30 AM** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hart and seal of this Tribunal on **this day of 07.01.2026.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, Registrar-II Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE XL ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC/7/2026

PETITIONER: 1. VIVIENNE DIAS W/o Late Col. Neville Joseph Dias, No. 10, Bride Street, Langford Road, Bengaluru-560025. **2. ASHWIN JOACHIM DIAS** S/o. Late Col. Neville Joseph Dias, No.10, Bride Street, Langford Road, Bengaluru-560025. **3. AYESHA DIAS** D/o. Late Col. Neville Joseph Dias, No.10, Bride Street, Langford Road, Bengaluru-560025. v/s

RESPONDENTS : NIL-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has made petition to this court under section 276 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Probate with Will annexed in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedules mentioned below. The below mentioned schedules were held by Late Colonel Neville Joseph, Husband of Petitioner herein who expired on 15/10/2025.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 23/02/2026 at 11.00 a.m. inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the petition will be heard and declared as exparte.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing No. 10, present BBMP e-PID No. 2627553111, Ward No.117, Ward Name: Shantinagar, situated at Bride Street, Langford Road, Langford Town, Bangalore 560 025 measuring East-West on the Northern Side 103.549 feet (31.57 Metres), East-West on the Southern Side 103.090 (31.43 Metres), North-South on the Eastern Side 74.98 (22.86 Metres) and North-South on the Western Side 69.372 feet (21.15 Metres) in all 7,457 sq.ft or 693.1575 sqmtr and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property. West by: Bride Street, North by: Private Property and South by: Property bearing No. 10/1, Bride Street and Langford Road.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Residential Site Bearing No. 3121, situated in Sir M. Visweshwaraya Layout, Block IV, Ward No.39, Bengaluru 560 067 having PID No. 2095, measuring East-West 18 Metres and North- South 12 Metres total extent 2400 sqft or 216 sq. mtrs and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 3125. North by: Site No. 3120. South by : Site No. 3122.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 21st day January, 2026 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court Bengaluru

Address: **M.N. SESHADRI,** Advocate
No.2096/97, 24th Cross, 5th Main, Banshankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

It is brought to the notice of the public that Under instruction of my client Smt.LATHA MALLYA wife of Dr. P.R. Mallya, Senior Citizen & Absolute Owner of Flat No. 101, Kalpatharu Apartments, 13th Cross, 8th Main Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore- 560003. Mr. Ananth Perdoor, son of Dr.P.R. Mallya, Proprietor of QUANTECH ORIGIN, who has unauthorisedly and without the consent of my client/owner has given his office/business address as stated above. My client has no connection whatsoever with the business, debts, loans, liabilities, guarantees, transactions or obligations incurred and the public are cautioned against any dealings with by Mr. Ananth Perdoor, son of Dr. P. R. Mallya, Proprietor of QUANTECH ORIGIN at the above address. No such transactions bind my client. Who reserves all her legal rights, against misuse. Suitable legal recourse would be taken if essential be.

(G.R. RAJANNA). Advocate,
No. 10/2, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore- 560003.
Place: Bangalore Date:22-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client intends to purchase property bearing Site No. 936, 1st Block, Koramangala Extension, Ward No.68, PID No.68-1-936, Bangalore, measuring East to West - 9.10 mts, North to South - 6.10 mts, totally measuring 55.51 mts, from its present owner Mr. K.Abdul Sattar S/o K H Khaleel Ur Rahman, No.59, Mackan Road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore - 56001.

Further, any person/s claiming any right, title or interest, objection and/or demand or share of any nature whatsoever upon the aforesaid property may intimate the same to the undersigned within **7 days from** the date of this publication hereof, failing which all rights and claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and our client shall proceed with the conveyance of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable western portion of property bearing No. 936, Ist Block, Koramangala Extension, Ward No.68, PID No.68-1-936, Bangalore, measuring East to West - 9.10 mts, North to South - 6.10 mts, totally measuring 55.51 mts. and total built-up area measuring approximately 2000 sq.ft.

Boundaries:- East by : Road, West by : Site No. 925, North by : Site No.935, South by : Site No.937

R. Veerendra Sharma, Advocate
No. 125, Kamaraj Road, Bangalore - 560042.
Ph: 9448080978/9449540978
E-mail: rvsharma_2002@yahoo.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs.Aneesa Sajeed W/o Mr.Sajeed Ahamed** is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mr.Zaid Wajid S/o Mr.Abdul Wajid** and **Mr.Ahamed Ali T U S/o Mr.Umar T.A**; person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing CORPORATION **No.14-A, (Half portion of Site No.14-A) Eastern Side),** situated at **2nd cross, sultanpalya Matadahalli, Bangalore,** PID No.95-3-14/1, having E-PID No.7935868301, New Ward No.32, Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore. Measuring: East to West:**30 Feet,** and North to South: **40 Feet,** Total Measuring **1200. sq.ft** and bounded on :

East by : Site No.14, 2nd Cross, West by : Half portion of the Site No.14-A(Western side), North by : 2nd Cross Road, South by : Site No.1-A, 2nd A Cross.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9845846428, 9108784843
E- Mail: rvlaw.76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my client **Mr.Mohammed Shakeel**, S/o. Late. Sardar Basha, Residing at.No.3122, 27th Cross, 2nd Main, Kumaraswamy layout, Bangalore- 560078, he has lost the Original Register Hakku Patra dated.13/05/1972, and Gift deed dated:30/06/2011, Vide Document No.JPN-1-2870/2011-12 Book No.1, CD No.JPND117, Dated 30/06/2011, Executed by P. Byrappa, B. Murthy, B.Manjunath and B. Annapurna in favour of Smt. Lakshamamma are missed out at Kumaraswamy Layout, Accordingly he had lodge the Complainant before Bangalore City Policy (Kumaraswamy Police station) Dated.20/01/2026 with E-lost Report No.2018290/2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site bearing No.1727/1231/1079/375, old Property No.43 Sy.no.156, Situated at. HARINAGAR VILLAGE, Kothanur Dakhale, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes under BBMP WARD No.196. All person is hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transactions with any one the basis of the said missing documents if any one finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to Hand over the same to our Office at the address mentioned hereunder

MEASURING: East to West : 30 feet
North to South : 50 feet; Total 1500 Sq feet's

Bounded on: East by : Site no. 375/A, after Government Halla, West by : Property belongs to Smt Vani, North by : Property belongs to Sri.Bettaiah, South by : Road;

S.U. INDUDHARA, Advocate
Office at No.17, First floor, Vajhranga Tower, Near Aralimara Bus stop, Andrahalli, Bangalore- 560091. Mob.9900774052, Email.svindu25@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPERTY PURCHASE NOTICE

I, on behalf of my client Mr. Waseem Pasha, who is in the process of purchasing residential Flat from Dr. Shakir Tabrez. Z, who purchased the same through a Sale Deed dated 05.09.2019, details as in schedule property.

Any person or entity having any claim, right, interest, share, lien, lease, sale agreement, or any other encumbrance or objections whatsoever in the schedule property is hereby called upon to submit your claims with supporting documents to me within seven (7) days from date of publication of this notice failing which the transaction will be completed assuming that there is no such claim or objections, and the same shall not be entertained any later date.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of Flat vide No. 402 Apartment called as **'Imperium Tranquility'** built on Land bearing Municipal No. 30 (old No. 3) Site No. 10, situated at Benson Cross Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.92, PID No. 92-32-30 Flat is measuring 1845Sq. Ft.

Advocate Mohammed Owais Sultan
Sultan & Sultan Associates
+91-9845145225, 9845169900
Email: sallyadvocate@gmail.com
1st Floor, Building No. 74, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560051.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Mr.Gunama Reddigari Lokesh Reddy is Intending to mortgage the schedule property with M/s. Piramal Finance Limited.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of Site No.69, House List Khatha No.397, Situated at Kithiganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuirng East to West: 40ft and North to South:30ft in all measuirng 1200sqft.,and bounded on the East by: House Site No.67, West By:Road, North by: House Site No.68, South by: House Site No.70,

V.L. Associates Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 21.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No.1 Plot No-B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sameer Abdulwahab Shaikh/ Awahab Akarim Shaikh/ (LBSHR00006353955/ TBSHR00006315027) & 47 C/o Balaji PG Accomodation For Gents, Bhoganahalli, Choudeshwari Layoutnear Ambedkar Circle, Karnataka Bengaluru- 560103	Plot No. 6, Vinayak Nagar, Old S.No 282/1A+1B, New S.No 12/1B/1 Cmaja rewadi Solapur- 413007	December 27, 2025 Rs. 20,30,813.00/-	03/11/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: January 22, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices,
Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585 102. Tel. & Fax No. 08472-260502, COS&P-77606 86172 S.O.-77609 92029

No. KKT/CO/COS&P/ 12 /2025-26 Date: 19.01.2026

TENDER INVITING NOTICE (THROUGH KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

Tenders through KPP portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for procurement of following goods.

1) e-Tender No. & Date : KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0181, 2) Tender Nomenclature : Supply of new tyre, tube & flap sets, tubeless tyres and additional tubes & flaps, 3) Estimate Value (Rs.) : Rs. 24.48 crores, 4) Last date for submission of tender: **27.01.2026 15:00 Hrs**

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or support@eprochelpdesk.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through KPP portal.

Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases (Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/Kalaburagi/995/KSMC&A/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE
No.2, 1st Floor, Lady Curzon Road, Bengaluru central, Opp Bowring hospital, Shivajinagar – 560 005. E-mail: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

A notice is hereby given that the following **Borrowers: 1) Mr. Sreeji Gopal S/o K.V.G Achari. 2) Mr. Sreeji Gopal S/o K.V.G Achari. "SURAKSHA PARK VIEW"** has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and address of the Borrower: 1) Mr. Sreeji Gopal S/o K.V.G Achari No. 4028/140, 7thBlock, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 082. **Also at: 1) Mr. Sreeji Gopal S/o K.V.G Achari,** Team Leader, Span Infotech India Pvt Ltd., No. 108, Gavipuram, Guttahali, Bengaluru – 560 019. **2) Mr. Sreeji Gopal S/o K.V.G Achari** I"SURAKSHA PARK VIEW" Flat. Bearing No. B, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Tank Bund Road, Bismillah nagar, S.G. Palya, Bengaluru – 560 029.

Co-Borrower 1) Mrs. Rekha R. W/o Mr. Sreeji Gopal No. 4028/140, 7thBlock, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 082.

Also at 1) Mrs. Rekha R. W/o Mr. Sreeji Gopal "SURAKSHA PARK VIEW" Flat. Bearing No. B, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Tank Bund Road, Bismillahnagar, S.G. Palya, Bengaluru – 560 029

A/c No.: SBI/RACPC/BLRCNTRL/SISIR/HL/64028266102

Demand Notice: 29.12.2025 **NPA Date: 27.12.2025**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : **Rs. 7,51,077/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty-One Thousand and Seventy-Seven Only) as on 25-12-2025.** Plus, Accrued Interest. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Schedule 'A' Property :

ITEM-1 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Corporation No.11, (Previously Property No.2, of Survey No.73/4, of Taverekere Village, Situated between Bannerghatta Road and Tavereker Main Road) now the property comes under the limits of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.64, Now Municipal No.10, 9th Cross Road, Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore city, Vide PID No.64-120-10, measuring East to West: Northern Side 101 feet or 30.8 Meters, on the Southern Side 82 feet or 25 Meters and North to South: 65 feet or 19.8 Meters totally measuring **5947.5 Square feet**, and **bounded on: East by :** 9th Cross Road of Bismilla Nagar, **West by:** Land belonging to Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy and others, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Private Property No.11.

ITEM-2: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Corporation No.11, (Previously Property No.2, of Survey No.73/4, of Taverekere Village, Situated between Bannerghatta Road and Tavereker Main Road) now the property comes under the limits of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.64, Now Municipal No.10, 9th Cross Road, Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore city, Vide PID No.64-120-10, measuring East to west: Northern 83 feet on the Southern Side 71 feet and North to South: 42-6 feet totally measuring **3280.2 Square feet**, and **bounded on: East by :** 9th Cross Road of Bismilla Nagar, **West by:** Land belonging to Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy and others, **North by :** Property No.10, **South by :** Property belonging to N.R. Balamurali.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :

All that piece and parcel of residential units constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as **"SURAKSHA PARK VIEW"** consisting of basement, ground, first, second and third floors with mosaic flooring.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Description of the Property sold under this Sale Deed)

All that piece and parcel of residential unit situated in the First-Floor bearing No. B, consisting of Two bed rooms, the doors &windows of house are fitted with ordinarywood, steel windows, kitchen, Vitrified flooring, with a super built up area of **1225 Sq. ft**, of the schedule 'E' property together with 348 Sq. ft., of share in the schedule 'A'Property with one car parking in the Basement and other deposits like **KEB/KPTCL,BWSSB** The said property comes within the purview of Bangalore Maha Nagar Palike, Bangalore.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within **60 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 29-12-2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
SBI, Bengaluru Central RACPC

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra

भारत सरकार का उद्यम
एक परिवार एक बैंक

Zonal Office, Bengaluru : No. 465/A, 22nd Cross, 3rd Block, Opp: NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011
TELE : 080-29509922, e-mail : legal_ban@mahabank.co.in
Head Office : Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s & Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **09.02.2026**, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s, Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under -

Sl. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s & Guarantors	Short description of immovable property	Outstanding dues as on 16.01.2026 / Possession Type / Encumbrances known to the bank	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Incremental Amount
1.	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch (M-9594544454)** **Borrower/s :** **Mr. N Narayana Reddy** At No. 94, ANR Kalayana Mantappa, Anekal Road, Chandapura, Bangalore Rural-560 081. **Guarantor/s :** **Mr. C N Shantakumar** At No. 575, 1st A Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102.	All that piece and parcel of residential land bearing Survey No. 94, admeasuring area 30 Guntas together with buildings constructed thereon lying and situated at Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural and the property is butted and bounded as follows- On or towards North : By KEB property. On or towards South : By Land of Muniyellappa. On or towards East : By the property of Mr. Venkataswamy Reddy. On or towards West : By Road.	**Rs. 16,05,71,597/-** (Rupees Sixteen Crore Five Lakh Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Only) plus further interest w.e.f. 17.01.2026 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof. Symbolic Nil	**Rs.1106.00 Lakh** 10 % of Reserve Price Rs. 50,000

- **Date of E-Auction & Time: 09.02.2026 between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time : 02.02.2026 to 08.02.2026 with prior appointment.**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 09.02.2026 upto 1.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of Bank of Maharashtra **i.e. "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale" & "https://baanknet.com.**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 20.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of Maharashtra, Bangalore Zone**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri. Nagaraja V.**
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: +91-9448441455
Landline No.(office): 080-25943663

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, OPP: Trustwell Hospital
J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Ph No: 080 25943663, Fax: 080 25943664
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

Appendix: IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/guarntor(Mortgagers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **25.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs 62,75,947.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Only)** as on **17.01.2026** and further interest at contractual rate from with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **M/s. S K Enterprises, Prop: Sri. P. Kodanda Ramu,** No.324/1, 2nd Cross, Nagadevanahalli, Mariyappanapalya, Jagajyoti Layout, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru 560 056.

The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Time & date of e Auction	Last date submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs. 70,00,000/-	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs.25,000/-	25.02.2026 from 11:00 am to 04.00 pm	25.02.2026 Upto 09.30 A.M

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: **SBI/SARB/2025-26/170** Property ID No : **SBIN200011244110** Auction ID No : **240106**

Title deed holders: **Sri. P Krishnegowda S/o Puttaswamy Gowda,** No.69, G-2, 3rd Cross, Nanjappa Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, BANGALORE - 560 076.

Absolute Sale Deed No:**MYN-1-00770-2010-11** in **CD No.MYND233** at Senior Sub Registrar, Mysore North.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Description of the entire property)

All that piece and parcel of landed property in the layout formed in Sy No.1/1-4, 103, 110/1 in total extent of 9 acres 18 guntas in Alanahalli Grama Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluka developed by Alanahalli Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangh Niyamit registered in S D Jayaram Layout Site No.51, measuring East to West 12 Mtrs and North to South 9 Mtrs and bounded by: **East by:** Site No 57, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No 52, **South by:** Site No.50.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance on above property for detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer. State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e., www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, https://baanknet.com.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 19.01.2026

Sd/- State Bank of India
Authorised Officer
SARB Bangalore

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 10.02.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.1,24,19,642.88 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two And Paisa Eighty Eight Only)** as on **16.01.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr.Abrarul Haque** S/o Naseemul ghani, No 25 2nd Floor 2nd A Cross, Kanakanagar, Bengaluru-560032 **(2) Mr. Rizwan Khan** C/o Rafeeque Khan, No 25 2nd Floor 2nd A Cross, Kanakanagar, Bengaluru-560032.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **09.02.2026 - 4.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	**ITEM No.1 : A**ll the piece and parcel of the immovable Property being Un-developed residentially Converted Land bearing Sy.No.136/3, to an extent 26 guntas out of 32 guntas bearing katha No. form (11) 8452 & form (9) 8300 and Land bearing Sy.No,136/4, to an extent of 25 guntas bearing katha No. form (11)8453 and form (9) 8301, in all measuring 1 acre and 11 Guntas bearing and duly converted to residentially use asper the Order bearing Conversion Order bearing No ALN(A)(A)SR:142/2013-14 dated 03/01/2014 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, The building construction plan approved by BMRDA Vide Approval No.APA/CC/655/2014-15 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru district bounded on the East by : Land belonging to Pujarappa, West by : Land belonging to Ramaswamy (now belonging to M/s S2 Homes) and Road, North by : Remaining extent of 6 guntas in Sy. No.136/3 belonging to S Rama Reddy and thereafter 20 feet road, South by : Land belonging to Ramaiah. **Item No.2 :** All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Property being Un-developed Residentially Converted Land bearing Sy.No.136/1, to an extent 10 guntas i.e., 10,890 Square feet and duly converted to residentially use as per the Order bearing Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(A)(A)SR:252/2011-12 dated 05/03/2012 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, The building construction plan approved by BMRDA Vide Approval No.APA/CC/655/2014-15 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on the: East by : Remaining portion in Sy. No.136 belonging to Sri.Rama Reddy, West by : Road, North by : Remaining portion in Sy. No.136/1 belonging to Sri.Chandrashekar, South by : Remaining portion in Sy. No.136 belonging to Lakshmi and Ramaswamy. **Schedule-b Property :** 493 Sqft., share of undivided right, title and interest in the SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY, and the Residential apartment bearing Flat NO. FF-10, CMC-KHATHA# 10673/5382/8300/8301/136/1,3,4/D/4th F-FF10 measuring super built up are of 2031 sqft., in the C Block, Fourth Floor of construction, the apartment building to be named as "S2 HOMES – THE WATERGROVE", apartment consisting of 2 Bedrooms, with proportionate right in the common areas and bounded on the: East by : Corridor, West by : Open Space, North by : Flat No.-FF-11, South by : Flat No-FF-9.	**Rs. 55,00,000/-**	**Rs. 5,50,000/-**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**30.01.2026 11 A.M to 4.00 P.M with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.6301683293 and 9483544116, e-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

16 minors
among those missing, as death toll rises to 30 in Karachi blast

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Developed world wary of Trump's Gaza peace board

50 nations invited, says White House. Most Islamic countries show green light, Norway & Sweden turn down invite

JERUSALEM

DIVISIONS emerged on Wednesday over Donald Trump's Board of Peace envisaged in the US president's peace plan for Gaza, with some western European countries declining to join while others remained noncommittal.

The development underscores European concerns over the controversial and ambitious project — which some say seeks to replace the United Nations' role in mediating global conflicts — as Trump arrived in Davos, Switzerland, where he was expected to provide more details about his vision for the board.

A White House official said about 30 countries were expected to join the board, without providing details. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal plans not yet made public, said about 50 countries had been invited to join the organization.

Norway and Sweden said Wednesday they won't accept their invitations, after France also said no — stressing that while it supports the Gaza peace plan, it was concerned the board could seek to replace the UN as the main venue for resolving conflicts.

Chaired by Trump, the board was originally envisaged as a small group of world leaders overseeing the Gaza ceasefire plan. But the Trump administration's ambitions have since expanded into a more sprawling concept, with Trump extending invitations to dozens of nations and hinting at the board's role as conflict mediator.

Months into the ceasefire, Gaza's more than 2 million Palestinians continue to suffer the humanitarian crisis unleashed by over two years of war.

Israeli fire in the enclave on Wednesday left 11 Palestinians dead, health officials said. The relatives of one final Israeli hostage, whose body remains in Gaza, continued to call on Israel's government and Trump to ensure the release of his remains. Since the truce went into effect in October, Hamas and Israel have each accused the other of ceasefire violations.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said Tuesday that France says, "Yes to implementing the peace plan presented by the president of the United States, which we wholeheartedly support, but no to creating an organization as it has been presented, which would replace the United Nations." Hearing on late Monday that French President Emmanuel Macron was unlikely to join, Trump said, "Well, nobody wants him because he's going to be out of office very soon." The United Kingdom, the European Union's executive arm, Canada, Russia, Ukraine and China have also not yet indicated their response to Trump's invitations. *AP*

BOARD OF PEACE

Several countries have joined proposed Board of Peace, some European nations have declined, and others, including India, remain noncommittal

JOINING
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Belarus
- Egypt
- Hungary
- Israel
- Turkiye
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Morocco
- Pakistan
- UAE
- Vietnam
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Uzbekistan

INVITED, BUT NONCOMMITTAL
- Britain
- China
- Croatia
- Germany
- India
- Italy
- Vatican
- European Union (executive arm)
- Paraguay
- Russia
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- Ukraine

NOT JOINING (FOR NOW)
- France
- Norway
- Sweden

CRITIC NETANYAHU GETS ONBOARD

JERUSALEM: Parties key to the Gaza ceasefire — Israel and Egypt — said Wednesday they would join the board, as did Bahrain, Kosovo and Azerbaijan. Netanyahu's decision was significant because his office had previously said the composition of the Gaza executive committee — which includes Turkey, Israel's key regional rival — was not coordinated with the Israeli government and ran "contrary to its policy," without clarifying its objections. The move could now put Netanyahu in conflict with some of the far-right allies in his coalition.

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 839

TOLL SO FAR

71,403

US seizes 7th sanctioned tanker linked to Venezuela

WASHINGTON

US military forces boarded and took control of a seventh oil tanker connected with Venezuela on Tuesday as part of the Trump administration's broader efforts to take control of the South American country's oil.

US Southern Command said in a social media post that US forces apprehended the Motor Vessel Sagitta "without incident" and that the tanker was operating in defiance of President Donald Trump's "established quarantine of sanctioned vessels in the Caribbean."

The military command did not say whether the US Coast Guard took control of the tanker as has been the case in prior seizures. Both the Pentagon and Southern Command said they had nothing to add when asked for more details. The Sagitta is a Liberian-flagged tanker and its registration says it is owned and managed by a company in Hong Kong. The ship last transmitted its location more than two months ago when exiting the Baltic Sea in northern Europe.

The tanker was sanctioned by the US Treasury Department under an executive order related to Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The post from US Southern Command indicated the ship had taken oil from Venezuela. It said the capture of the tanker "demonstrates our resolve to ensure that the only oil leaving Venezuela will be oil that is coordinated properly and lawfully." *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Putin scheduled to meet US special envoy

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin is scheduled to meet his US counterpart Donald Trump's Special Envoy Steve Witkoff on Thursday, the Kremlin confirmed on Wednesday. Amid reports of "highly constructive" two-hour-long negotiations between Russian Special Envoy on Ukraine Kirill Dmitriyev in Davos with Witkoff and President Trump's son-in-law Jarred Kushner on Tuesday, the US envoy is heading for Moscow to meet President Putin.

Commitment to avoid force over Greenland 'positive': Danish FM

COPENHAGEN

HOURS after Donald Trump ruled out the use of force to annex Greenland on Wednesday, Denmark's foreign minister described it as a "positive" sign, but stressed the US president had not backed away from his threat to seize the Arctic territory. "What is quite clear after this speech is that the president's ambition remains intact," Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen told reporters in Copenhagen, referring to a speech by Trump at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Donald Trump attends a bilateral meeting with Switzerland's President Guy Parmelin (C-L) on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos | AFP

"It is, of course, positive in isolation that the president said that about the military, but it doesn't make the problem go away."

UN chief Antonio Guterres, however, warned against world leaders upending international order. "When leaders run roughshod over international law, picking & choosing which rules to follow -- they are undermining global order & setting a perilous precedent," Guterres said on X.

"When a handful of individuals can bend global narratives, sway elections, or dictate the terms of public debate, we are facing inequality and the corruption of institutions & our shared values."

In Greenland, the government unveiled a new brochure offering advice to the population in the event of a "crisis" in the territory, alluding to Trump's threat to seize it.

This document is "an insurance policy", said Self-Sufficiency Minister Peter Borg at a press conference in Nuuk, the Greenlandic capital, shortly after Trump demanded "immediate" talks on his bid to control Greenland but said he would not use military force to take the island. "We don't expect to have to use it," Borg added.

Moving beyond Greenland, Trump said at Davos the Russia and Ukraine would be "stupid" not to reach a peace deal, adding he would be meeting Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Davos on Thursday. *AFP*

Syrian govt takes control of camp housing thousands linked to IS

AL-HOL

Syrian government forces on Wednesday took full control of a sprawling camp in northeast Syria housing thousands of people linked to the Islamic State group as a truce between the government and Kurdish fighters appears to be holding.

A convoy of armoured vehicles carrying government troops moved into the al-Hol camp on Wednesday following two weeks of clashes between government forces and Kurdish-led fighters who lost large parts of the land that they had controlled for years. The US-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces appear closer than ever to merging into the Syrian military, in accordance with demands by the government.

The capture of the camp came a day after SDF fighters withdrew from the facility that they had been running for years. At its peak in 2019, some 73,000 people were living at al-Hol camp. Since then, the number has declined with some countries repatriating their citizens.

The camp is now home to some 24,000, most of them women and children linked to the Islamic State group. They include about 14,500 Syrians and nearly 3,000 Iraqis. Some 6,500 others, many of them loyal IS supporters who came from around the world to join the extremist group, are separately held in a highly secured section of the camp.

There have been reports that some families managed to flee the camp during the chaos, but there has been no official confirmation.

An Associated Press journalist was not allowed into the camp but saw scores of soldiers guarding the main entrance of the facility. Late Tuesday, the Syrian government and the SDF announced a new four-day truce after a previous ceasefire broke down. Northeast Syria was relatively calm on Wednesday. *AP*

Syrian government forces in armoured vehicles enter the al-Hol camp in northeastern Syria's Hasakeh province, Syria on Wednesday | AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Arun Chandrababu. A.C** intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Sri. L. Nagaraju** S/o L.S. Ranganayakulu

It is hereby informed to the general public that any person/s agent, Bank/s Financial institutions etc., having any manner of claims, charge, mortgage, right, title and interest, minors rights, maintenance rights, partition rights and agreement rights and any other rights etc., in respect of the property described in the schedule are hereby requested to make the same known to the undersigned in writing supported by documents, as proof and evidence within period **7 days** from the date of publications of this notice, failing which the claim of such person/s will be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Vacant Site No. 212, Property No. 6967820187, Property old No. 4258/217/2/212, Nirdharana No. 4258/217/2/212, measuring East to West 15.240030 Meters and North to South 9.144018 Meters, Totally 139.3545 Square meters, bounded as follows: **East by:** Site No. 171, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 213, **South by:** Road Situated at Ward No. 21, Sai Sowparnika Layout, Iggaluru, Chandapura Municipal limits, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Advocate for Purchaser
K.N. SRINIDHI BABU
#4/127, OPPOSITE COURT BUILDING, OLD P.W.D OFFICE ROAD, ANEKAL-562 106, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. Sreekala P S D/o Mr. Sreekumaran Unni P, Residing at No. 109, Smruthi, 5th Cross, Anjanadri Nagar, Shetty Halli, Jalahalli West, Bangalore 560 015.** confirm residential of the above address.

We here by declare that my client has lost below mentioned original

1. Absolute Sale Deed dt 03.12.2003 Executed by Sri. Y. V. Lakshminarayana S/o Late R. Venkatapathi in favour of Smt. Shashikala W/o Mr. V. Venkatesh, Registered as Document No. 32795/03-04, of Book-I, Stored in C D No. 158, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore North Taluk. measuring 1200 square feet
2. Absolute Sale Deed dt 27.08.2007 Executed by Smt. Shashikala W/o Mr. V. Venkatesh in favour of Smt. P. Indiradevi W/o Sri. P. Sri Kumaran Unni, Sri. P. S. Santhosh Kumar S/o Sri. P. Sri kumaran Unni, Registered as Document No.PNY-1-02005-2007-08, Stored in Book-I, C D No. PNYD405 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Penya Bangalore. measuring 1200 square feet

Further Police complaint has been lodged on 13.03.2025 in this regard Lost Report no. 1519768/2025 to this effect which has been acknowledged. The above public notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the undersigned within 7 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Vacant Property bearing Site No.109, formed in Assessment No.43 and 49, Katha No. 128/43 and 129/49, situated at SHETTYHALLI village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: 40-0 (Forty) feet, and North to South: 30-0 (Thirty) feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded on the:- East By : 25 feet Road, West By : Site No.116, North By : Site No. 110, South By : Site No. 108.

Veena Rani J S, Advocate
No. 118, 2nd Main F Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore 560 084. Mob: No. 9535278594
Place: Bangalore Date: 20.01.2026

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn

1. Tender Notice No. 1-CE-CN-ERS-2026-OT Dated 15.01.2026

Name of work: Proposed construction of new Tunnel No.5 extension of minor bridges, construction ROB No.212 between Kulithirai & Eraniel stations).

Tender Value : Rs. 9857.90 Lakhs
Bid Security : Rs.50,79,000/-
Completion Period : 18 Months.
Date and time of tender closing : 09/02/2026. 15.00 Hrs

2. Tender Notice No: 2-CE-CN-ERS-2026-OT Dated 15.01.2026.

Name of work: Proposed span composite girder & PSC girder superstructure ROB in lieu of Level crossing no. 41 between Kayamkulam Jn & Ochira.

Tender Value : Rs.972.63Lakhs
Bid Security : Rs.6,36,300/-
Completion Period : 18 Months
Date and time of tender closing : 09/02/2026.15.00 Hrs

Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer/Construction
Ernakulam Jn

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us on @SCRailwayindia
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in) PUB/1791

CE/C-II/SC Construction Organisation, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works :

Sl.No. : 1. Notice Inviting Tender No. : 01-CAO-C-SC-2026, Dated : 13-01-2026. **Name of work :** South Central Railway Construction Organization : Kazipet - Balharshah Section : **SW-I :** Proposed Construction of Two (02) Overpasses for Wild Animals Crossing at Railway Km:178/17-25 & Km:192/21-27 with Clear Span as 1x42.00m Span Composite Girder with Total Width of 100m per Overpass between Makudi and Sirpurtown Railway Stations. **SW-2 :** Proposed Construction of New Minor Bridge No.168A Span:1 x 4.00m x 1.50m RCC Box by Air pushing Method across existing UP & DN Main Lines and New 3rd Line at Railway km:245/4-6 between Bellampalli and Mandamari Stations. **SW-3 :** Proposed Construction of Control Cubical Building for New SP/BPQ between Balharshah - Manikgarh Stations.

Details : Estimated Cost : Rs. 80,89,90,916.49. **Earnest Money Deposit :** Rs. 41,95,000.00. **Completion period :** 09 (Nine) Months. **Date of Opening :** 05-02-2026 15:00 hours.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to **website https://ireps.gov.in.**

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer,
A2268 **(Constn), Secunderabad.**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients **Mrs.Rubi Kumari** and **Mr. Nishikant Kumar,** Residing at no.16, "B" Street, Jayarajnagar, Austin Town, Bangalore-560047 have entered in to a sale agreement for the purchase of the schedule mentioned property with the absolute owner Mr.P.K.Rajeev, residing at No.14/1, Bazaar Street, Vannarpet, Bangalore- 560047.

The owner Mr.P.K.Rajeev, has represented that he has lost the original documents pertaining to the schedule mentioned property in a theft, and he had lodged police complaint along with paper publication to that effect, any person having objection in the said sale transaction between my client Mrs.Rubi Kumari Mr. Nishikant Kumar, and owner Mr.P.K.Rajeev, may file objection before the undersigned advocate within (15) fifteen days from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed .

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing municipal no.14/1, (earlier portion of municipal no.29, new no.35, Bazaar Street, Vannarpet) presently situated at Iyyappa Temple Block,Vannarpet,Bangalore, PID.NO.71-44-14/1, E-PID.NO.4292956512. Along with 800Sq.feet of residential building at ground floor. Measuring:

East : 31 Feet
West : 30 feet
North : 45 feet
South : 60 feet
Land measuring: 1600 sq. Feet Bounded on:
East by : Muthanna's Property,
West by : Bazaar street , Vannarpet ,
North by : Remaining Portion of the property retained by the vendor,
South by : Remaining Portion of the property retained by the vendor

J. RAVINDRAN Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Viveknagar, Bangalore-569947. Mobile :9900609429

IN THE COURT OF THE XLI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC. No.38/2026 (CCH-42)

BETWEEN: Sri. MOHAMMED RAFI, aged about 51 years, S/o late Syed Yusuf, R/at No. 11, Old No.24, 11th Cross, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003. Mob: 9886071223 ... **PETITIONER**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act by the petitioner to grant him a probate in respect of the registered WILL dated 7/2/2011, vide Document No.MLS-3-00138-2010-11, in Book-1, stored in C.D.No.MLSD25, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru duly executed by the Testator Syed Yusuf S/o late Syed Baba Sab, in respect of the petition schedule property, who died on 29-10-2019.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **23/02/2026** at **11:00 A.M** forenoon to showcase against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.24, in Sy.No.64/7, bearing PID No.2321445357 situated at 11th Cross, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, and bounded as follows: **East by:** Annayappa's Land, **West by:** Layout Road, **North by:** Burial Ground, **South by:** Muniyappa's property

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 20/01/2026

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

SRI. RAMESHA .PS, Advocate
VANGUARD LAW
No.21, Ground Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru 560 009.
Mob: 9482291991.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH-45)
P. & S.C. No. 683/2025

BETWEEN: Master Neil Vargis Lokwani, S/o Mr. Ashish Lokwani, aged about 14 years, Residing at, 89, Jayaram Reddy Gardens, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043. Represented by his guardian, **Mr. Anil David Vargis,** S/o Late George Vargis, aged about 46 years, Residing at, 89, Jayaram Reddy Gardens, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043... **PETITIONER**

AND: Nil... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named petitioner has made a petition to this court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of the succession certificate in favour of the petitioner in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Geetha Sarah Vargis, mother of the Petitioner who passed away on 19/1/2025.

Interested parties are hereby, called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **18-02-2026** at 11:00 A.M. before this Hon'ble Court CCH-45 inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE A: 11267 SHELL PLC shares in the name of Late Geetha Vargis (Employee number: 276470).

SCHEDULE B: Catholic Club membership with membership No:10485

SCHEDULE C: Provident Fund (PF), Pension Scheme (EPS), and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) in the name of Late Geetha Vargis with UAN 100152718987. Provident Fund A/C No.- PY/KRP/35701/9844, Pension Account No.- 216916

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 17-01-2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

NIMISHA KUMAR, Advocate
No.6, Vishwanath Rao Road, Off Race Course Road, Madhavanagar, Bangalore-560001.

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

DMA/2025-26/WORK INDENT NO. 53733, 53732, 53731, 53742 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪುರಸ್ಕೃತ ಅಮೃತ 2.0 ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಜಲ್ ಹಿ ಅಮೃತ್ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : DMA/2025-26/WORK INDENT NO.53733, 53732, 53731, 53742 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.01.2026 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.01.2026 ರಂದು ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸ್ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದ್ರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.01.2026 ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ ಸದ್ರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.01.2026 ಎಂದು ಓದುವುದು. ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಧಿಯಂತರರು
ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಮಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/DK/MPL/1449/25-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 33/2025–26/3070–73 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–01–2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1,2&4 ರನ್ವಯ ಏಕಲಕೋಟೆ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಿರಾಜಪೇಟೆ ಉಪ–ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054– ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳು ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 1–ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 31098) (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 5054–ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 1–ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 31233) (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ಮತ್ತು 4059– ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿವರ ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಇತರೆ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2–ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32127, 32087) (1ನೇ ಕರೆ) ಒಟ್ಟು 4–ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 12.57 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 238.30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31–01–2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ– ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

NAMAKKAL DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,
MOHANUR ROAD, SANYASI KARADU (PO), LATHUVADI, NAMAKKAL – 637 002. E.mail : aavinnmkl@gmail.com
TENDER NOTICE FOR CONTRACT LABOURS OUT SOURCING

Sealed tenders are invited in two part system (Technical & Commercial Bid) from the owners of Licensed person of Labour contract use activities for three years (2026-2029).

01	Last date for downloading Tender form	**12.02.2026 upto 05.00 PM**
02	Last date & time for submission of document	**12.02.2026 upto 05.00 PM**
03	Place, Date & time of opening	**NAMAKKAL DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD., MOHANUR ROAD, SANYASI KARADU (PO), LATHUVADI, NAMAKKAL-637 002.**
	Tender Pre bid Meeting	**04.02.2026 at 11.00 am**
	Part-I Technical bid opening	**13.02.2026 at 11.00 am**
	Part-II Commercial bid opening	**After scrutinisation of Technical bid**
04	Contract required Number of employees	**1. Skilled - 24 2. Unskilled - 6**
05	Tender forms with terms & conditions can be downloaded from website: **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**. All related details will be available in the website.	
06	The decision of **General Manager, NDCMPU Ltd., Namakkal** shall be final conclusive and in all matters relating to this tender.	

Place: Namakkal, Date : 21.01.2026 DIPR/ 365/TENDER/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

Government of Tamil Nadu
VILLUPURAM HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE

Tender Notice

T.N.No. 56/2025-26 / HDO. DATED: 20.01.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online under Two Cover System will be received upto 07.02.2026, 11.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2026-27 (CMRDP) One work (VPM-125) for Villupuram (H) C&M Division, One work (VPM-126) for Vridhachalam (H) C&M Division & One work (VPM-127) for Ariyalur (H) C&M Division

Details of work, approximate value of works, EMD (EMD through online payment Gateway of the Portal or e-BG will be the acceptable mode) availability of tender document and all other details are available from 22.01.2026 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M Circle, Villupuram

DIPR/315/Tender/2026

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
THANJAVUR (H), CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE

Tender Notice

T.N.No. 43/2025-26 / HDO / DATED: 20.01.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online under Two Cover System** will be received up to **07.02.2026, 11.00 hours** (server time) by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Thanjavur Circle for **CRIDP 2026-27** One work **(TNJ-106) Pertaining to Thiruvarur (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD (EMD through online payment Gateway of the Portal or e-BG) availability of tender document and all other details are available from **22.01.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M Circle, Thanjavur

DIPR/310/Tender/2026

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ASIA MATTERS

HINDI SOCIETY FOUNDER PASSES AWAY

Shriniwas Rai, a founding member of the Hindi Society in Singapore and a steadfast champion of Gandhian values, passed away at his home on Sunday at the age of 83. The former nominated Member of Parliament arrived in Singapore at the age of 10 and went on to study law at the then University of Singapore and built a distinguished legal career that spanned over five decades. One of Rai's most enduring contributions was his role in founding the Hindi Society (Singapore) in 1988 and he worked with community leaders to have Hindi recognised as a second language.

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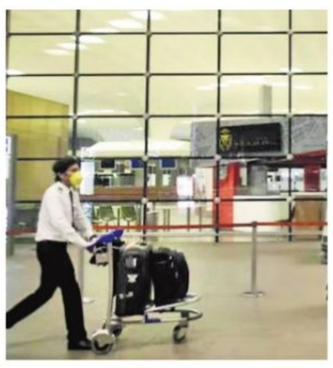
Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
270.84 ▼	Sensex	81,909.63	₹6,840 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹156,750	₹10,000 ▲	1 kg	₹3,30,000	▲ Dollar	91.55
75.00 ▼	Nifty	25,157.50	₹6,250 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹143,700	₹100 ▲	10 gm	₹3,300	▲ Euro	107.31

TRAI looks into Navi Mum airport network pricing

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi



THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is examining the pricing issues faced by telecom operators in deploying networks in and around the Adani Group-backed Navi Mumbai International Airport, TRAI Chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti said.

Lahoti, speaking to media on Wednesday, said the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has approached the regulator seeking intervention. He added that TRAI has sought additional details regarding the prices telecom service providers have paid in the past to set up networks. "The letter that COAI has written has raised four issues. Three of those pertain to right-of-way, and one relates to pricing. We have asked COAI to provide certain details on how agreements were entered into in the past. We will study those and then take further action," Lahoti said.

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The dispute emerged after the newly operational Navi Mumbai International Airport, where passengers have reported a lack of mobile connectivity since commercial operations began. Through COAI, telecom service providers (TSPs) including Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea have alleged that Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL) denied right-of-way (RoW) permissions and prevented them from deploying their own networks, including In-Building Solutions (IBS) infrastructure. The telcos claim this is contrary to provisions under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the RoW Rules, 2024. NMIAL has rejected the allegations, stating BSNL is already in an advanced phase of testing its network at the airport. The airport operator said it has offered IBS services at rates aligned with prevailing industry standards and denied refusing RoW permissions. It warned that it would not "give in to any cartelisation."

Right-of-way refers to the rules and permissions governing the deployment and operation of telecom infrastructure by service providers on public and private property. COAI has also approached the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) seeking intervention, stating that its member TSPs — Airtel, Jio and VIL — had approached NMIAL for the necessary approvals to deploy telecom networks.

Capex budget may grow 10% to ₹12 lakh cr

Analysts say govt must fix spending gaps for better impact on economy, should focus more on private investment

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

ANALYSTS don't expect a significant jump in allocation to capital expenditure (capex) in this year's Budget as they are of the view that the government must first try and fix the gaps in spending for better impact on the economy. In fact, analysts feel the government must focus more on encouraging private investment.

Many analysts TNIE spoke to put the capex allocation in the ₹11.6-12 lakh crore range for FY27 while estimating a lower than budgeted capex in the current financial year. The growth in capex has been pegged at 8-10% in FY27. This would include the target-based capex loan provided to the states.

Even within the government, there is a feeling that there should be some stock-taking of the quality of capex. "The last Budget signalled a pause to review and reassess priorities rather than continue spending mechanically. The focus is now shifting from simply raising capital share of the Budget to identifying gaps in public goods and infrastructure and directing spending more strategically to address those gaps," said a senior government official on the condition of anonymity. The government had last year budgeted for ₹11.21 lakh crore capex allocation in the FY26. Analysts feel the government might spend not more than ₹11 lakh crore in the current fiscal. In the April-November 2025 period, Centre has spent ₹6.6 lakh crore.

Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist at Crisil Limited, says the Centre's capital expenditure can be budgeted to grow in line with the rate of nominal GDP and should be complemented by measures to encourage private investment. The nominal GDP has been pegged to grow at 10%. As per Radhika Rao, chief economist at DBS Bank, the Centre's capex budget in FY27 would stay around 3.0-3.1% of GDP, up 7-8% YoY from FY26, with an emphasis on identifying shovel-ready and greenfield projects. QuantEco, an independent economic research firm, expects the government to announce a capex growth of 7-8% for FY27.

"While pace of growth may appear lower compared to post COVID years, it needs to be seen from the perspective of capex budget having grown over 3x between FY20 and FY26, it says adding that the government must create fiscal space to fund the 8th Pay Commission likely to be paid out in FY28 accompanied by crowding in of private sector capex," it said. Of late, private sector capex has seen an uptick. As per Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), new investment proposals during the first three quarters of 2025-26 at ₹27.5 lakh crore were 14.8% higher than in the first three quarters of 2024-25, when they were at ₹24 lakh crore.

RUN-UP TO BUDGET

SLOW AND STEADY

CENTRE'S CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

YEAR	CAPEX (₹LAKH CR)
FY27E	12
FY26RE	11
FY26BE	11.21
FY25RE	10.50
FY24	9.5

- Dharmakirti Joshi of Crisil says capex must be complemented by encouraging private investment
- Budget focus is now shifting from simply raising capital share of Budget to directing spending to address funding gaps

AS PER CMIE, NEW INVESTMENT PROPOSALS DURING FIRST 3 QUARTERS OF 2025-26 WERE AT ₹27.5L CR, 14.8% HIGHER THAN IN FIRST 3 QUARTERS OF 2024-25

E: Estimated; BE: Budget Estimate; RE: Revised Estimate

Rupee falls nearly 80 paise to record low of 91.74

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE rupee declined to a new low on Wednesday, suffering the biggest single-session plunge in two months to 91.7425.

The local currency closed with the sixth consecutive day loss at 91.6950, down 0.8% from the previous close of 90.9750 as the global bond rout and US threats to acquire Greenland kept investors on edge. The decline in equities market for the second consecutive day added to the pain. Rupee fell for the sixth straight session, slipping to an all-time low of 91.7425 against the dollar. It closed down 0.8% at 91.6950 against 90.9750 previous close. The rupee opened 10 paise lower at 91.08 from previous close of 90.98 and continued to fall. The previous worst was on December 16, when it had plunged to 91.14.

The fall was exacerbated as the Reserve Bank stayed away from the market and did not provide dollar supply, despite massive demand from exporters, traders said. The rupee, worst performing Asian currency on the day, is down 2% so far this month, after falling 5% in 2025 when it closed as the worst Asian currency and the third-worst in the world after its Turkish and Argentinian counterparts. The problem is the challenges that had weighed on rupee in 2025 remain in place and is only adding up. Equity outflows persist and importers are more inclined to hedge than exporters amid expectations of a further depreciation.

Foreign investors had sold shares worth $3 billion this year piling up of their $19 billion ripoff in 2025, leading to more capital outflows, leaving the currency exposed to further weakness, according to analysts. Dalal Street fell 0.3% on the day, after registering their biggest drop in over eight months Tuesday and nobody sees this is the end of the pains as Trump tantrums keep piling up.

Gold, silver continue rally amid US-EU stand-off

Gold and silver rally continued on Wednesday, with gold surging 5.2% to hit new high of ₹1,58,371/10 grams for February futures delivery and silver futures for March scaling 2.9% or ₹9,432/kg to ₹3,33,104 on the MCX.

IN THE RED

Markets extend losses for third consecutive day

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equities extended losses for the third consecutive session on Wednesday and experienced extreme volatility in intraday deals.

The NSE Nifty50 index briefly breached below the 25,000 mark while the BSE Sensex cracked 1,050 points during intraday trade. The two frontline indices managed to recover from low points but could not break the losing streak.

The Nifty 50 fell 75 points to 0.3% to close at 25,157.5 and Sensex fell 271 points or 0.33% to 81,909.63. In the broader market, small- and mid-cap indices fell 1% each. The poor performance of the market is attributed to concerns around global trade and geopolitical issues, and continued selling by foreign investors. "Sentiment remained under pressure amid global uncertainties, geopolitical tensions between Europe and US and a mixed earnings backdrop...Flows remained a key overhang as FIIs continued selling streak, offloading equities worth ₹2,938 crore on Tuesday," said Siddhartha Khemka, research head, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. On Wednesday, FIIs were again net sellers, offloading shares worth ₹1,788 crore.

Rupee weakened further, slipping to a record low of 91.19 against US dollar, adding to cautious sentiment. Sectoral performance was largely negative, with only Oil & Gas (+0.3%) and Metal (+0.6%) indices ending in the green. Consumer Durables fell 1.6%, while PSU stocks declined 1%, while Realty dropped 1.6%.

Eternal CEO resigns, to explore high-risk new ideas

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DEEPINDER GOYAL, founder and Group CEO of Eternal, parent company of Zomato and Blinkit, has resigned from executive role as CEO and MD, effective February 1, 2026.

Goyal will transition to the position of vicechairman on the board, while Blinkit CEO Albinder Dhindsa takes over as Group CEO.

Goyal founded Zomato in 2008 and since then has led the company to make it a major force player in the quick commerce and food delivery space. He also led the company's blockbuster listing in 2021 and acquired Blinkit in 2022.

Blinkit has now become the biggest contributor to Eternal's revenue over the last few quarters.

"I have spent eighteen years, almost half my life, building this company. I will continue doing that. Albi (Albinder), Akshant, and I will continue to work closely together, as we always have...My involvement in long-term strategy, culture, leadership development, and ethics and governance, continues. This is where I have increasingly focused lately anyway," said Goyal in a letter.

He said the centre of gravity for operating decisions moves to Albi and as Group CEO, he will own day-to-day execution, operating priorities, and business decisions. Stating reason for stepping down from executive role, Goyal said of late, he has found himself drawn to a set of new ideas that involve significantly higher-risk exploration and experimentation.

"These are the kinds of ideas that are better pursued outside a public company like Eternal," noted Goyal.

Eternal on Wednesday reported 73% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹102 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2026 (Q3FY26) as against a profit of ₹59 crore in the year-ago quarter The company's revenue from operations surged 201% year-on-year to ₹16,315 crore in the reported quarter.

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Deepinder Goyal, founder and Group CEO, Eternal

Delivery fees surge by 64% YoY to ₹2,376 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AMID ongoing issue of foodtech and quick commerce service firms paying 'miserable' amount to delivery partners and impact of recently introduced Labour codes, Eternal's delivery and related charges grew by 64% YoY to ₹2,376 crore in Q3FY26 from ₹1,450 crore in Q3FY25. On a sequential basis, charges paid by the company grew by 7.4%. Eternal is the parent company of Zomato and Blinkit.

Akshant Goyal, CFO of Eternal, said the company doesn't expect any change to its long-term margin guidance across businesses due to the Centre's recently announced labour and social security codes, Goyal stated that Zomato and Blinkit spent over ₹100 crore on insurance coverage in 2025.

India to become 3rd largest economy soon: Vaishnaw

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

UNION Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday asserted that India will become the world's third-largest economy over the next few years, with economist Gita Gopinath saying it can happen by 2028 or even earlier.

Speaking in a World Economic Forum Annual Meeting session in Davos, the minister stated the only matter of concern is what will happen with the mountains of debt in the rich world and what could be the impact on India.

Gopinath noted that the challenge for India is not becoming the third-largest economy; the challenge is raising per capita income to higher levels.

Vaishnaw said what is working really well is that in the last decade, there has been a transformational change in our country, and it's a very well thought-through, well-defined and a very focused execution.

He said it's built on four pillars -- the pillar of public investment in physical, digital and social infrastructure, the pillar of making sure that the entire society grows with the growth of the country, that is inclusive growth, the pillar of manufacturing and innovation, and the fourth pillar of simplification. "We can say that with a lot of confidence, and what's working very well is that the entire society is seeing the benefit of it. Otherwise, everything else is in a proper shape that we will become the third largest economy in the coming years, he said.

Business & Beyond

Two-day Transcend Goa 2026 at Maquinez Palace in Panjim concluded

The two-day Transcend Goa 2026, India's first-ever dedicated Transmedia Conclave, held on 15th & 16th January at Maquinez Palace, Panjim, concluded successfully bringing together key dignitaries, policymakers, and industry leaders, underscoring the importance of the conclave in shaping future-ready entertainment ecosystems. The event was inaugurated on 15th January 2026 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr Pramod Sawant, along with other dignitaries and registered participants. Two days of Transcend Goa 2026 provided a dynamic platform for creators, filmmakers, industry professionals, and policymakers to exchange ideas, explore synergies and discuss opportunities for innovation and investment. The summit featured keynote addresses and interactive sessions that explored topics such as emerging trends in transmedia storytelling, film, digital content creation, and evolving entertainment business models.

Next-generation VR Lab at GRSE ushers in a new era of indigenous digital shipbuilding

Kolkata: Reinforcing its commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat and indigenous shipbuilding, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd., took a major leap in digital ship design and construction by inaugurating its Next Generation Virtual Reality (NGVR) Lab on January 15, 2026, at the Main Works Unit, Kolkata.The state-of-the-artfacility marks a major step towards enhancing self-reliant, technology-driven warship design and production capabilities in India. The Next Generation VR Lab was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu, AVSM, NM, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition (CWP&A), Indian Navy. Among those present were Cmde PR Hari, IN (Retd), Chairman and MD, GRSE, among others.

Titas Footwear unveils new logo and spring, summer 2026 collection

Kolkata: Titas Footwear, a brand rooted in Bengal's rich legacy of craftsmanship, proudly announced the launch of its revamped logo along with the Spring-Summer 2026 footwear collection, marking a bold step toward its ambition of becoming a ₹1000 crore pan-India brand. An exclusive preview of the new launches, along with the revamped logo, captured widespread attention. The event, attended by trade partners and business associates, showcased the brand's contemporary identity alongside a vibrant range of footwear designed to combine style, affordability, and durability. Speaking at the unveiling, Masud Jamil, founder of Titas, stated: "This new identity reflects the spirit of Titas — rooted in trust and craftsmanship, yet evolving with the times. The excitement we witnessed today assures me that the brand is ready to step confidently into a brighter, national future." Anirudh Mohta, Director and Promoter of Titas Footwear Pvt. Ltd."

Govt to infuse ₹5,000 crore equity in SIDBI to boost MSME credit pipeline

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MORE than 25 lakh micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are likely to have better access to credit after the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹5,000 crore equity infusion into the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), reinforcing the government's push to deepen formal financing for small businesses.

The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, will infuse the equity support of ₹5,000 crore in three tranches — ₹3,000 crore in FY26, followed by ₹1,000 crore each in FY27 and FY28. The first tranche will be issued at a book value of ₹568.65 per share as of March 31, 2025, while the subsequent tranches will be priced at the book value as of March 31 of the preceding financial year.

"Post equity capital infusion of ₹5,000 crore, the number of MSMEs to be provided financial assistance is expected to increase from 76.26 lakh at the end of financial year 2025-2026 to 102 lakh (about 25.74 lakh new MSME beneficiaries will be added) by the end of FY28," as per the official statement. The credit push is also expected to boost the employment generation capacity of the MSMEs. As per the Ministry of MSME data, 6.9 crore MSMEs currently generate employment for nearly 30.16 crore people. With the additional credit support, the additional MSMEs are expected to generate an estimated 1.12 crore new jobs by FY28. The equity infusion comes against the backdrop of a rising risk profile on SIDBI's balance sheet.

Atal Pension Yojana extended up to 2030-31

Cabinet approved continuation of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to FY31, along with extension of funding support for promotional and developmental activities and gap funding. Centre will support promotional activities to ensure sustainability of the scheme.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ ವಿಭಾಗ, ರಾಯಚೂರು

ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – 28

ಸಂ.: ಕಾನಿಅ/ಪಂರಾಇಂವಿ/ರಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26/28 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ ವಿಭಾಗ, ರಾಯಚೂರು ಇವರು KW-3,4 (Standard Bid Document) ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳೊಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿವ್ಹಿಲ್ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕುರಿತು **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್** ಇವರಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು ಹಾಗೂ ಲಿಂಗಸುಗೂರು ತಾಲೂಕಿನ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) E-Payment/NEFT ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **20.01.2026** ರಿಂದ
2) ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲಗಳನ್ನು Online ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **20.01.2026**
3) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ/ವಿವರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **31.01.2026** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ
4) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ **03.02.2026** ಸಂಜೆ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 04.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ
6) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 09.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ.

Indent Nos.:-

1) **Sindhanur Taluk :** 22039, 22045, 22048
2) **Lingasugur Taluk :** 22535

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಷರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notce Amount	Description of the Property
K RAJA SEKHAR Loan A/c No. 4001190003011 Symbolic Possession taken on : 20/01/2026	27/05/2025	Rs. 58,13,205.51	**SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of Site No.19, Assessment No.42, New Assessment No.107/1A1, Khata No.369116, BBMP PID No. 8158050061,situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 60-00 Feet, North to South : 15-00 Feet, totally measuring 900 Sq.ft and bounded on :- East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Remaining Portion of the same Site, South by : Site No.20.**
MS. B V VIJAYKALA Loan A/c No. 4001190001122 Symbolic Possession taken on: 20/01/2026	20/08/2025	Rs. 2786150.00	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.15, Assessment Old No.90, New No.90/2 paiki Present BBMP No. 19, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South : 30 feet, in all total 1200 sq. Feet situated at Laggere Narasimha Swamy Layout, Bangalore North Taluk, presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Bangalore and bounded on the : East by: Road, West by: Site No.21, North by: Site No.16, South by: 30 Feet Road.**
MR. SARATH G Loan A/c No. 411800004270 411800004422 Symbolic Possession taken on: 19/01/2026	27/03/2025	Rs. 5972409.00	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted Sy.No.10, measuring 01 Acre 27 Guntas, conversion No. ALN/[BE]SR/94/09-10, dated 05-10-2010 and converted Sy. No. 11, measuring 2 acre 12 Guntas conversion No.ALN[BE]SR/140/13-14, dated 19-03-2014, at Avalahalli Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, both properties are adjacent to each other with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bonded on the: East by: Property belongs to the Dasharath Reddy and Narayana, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Property bearing Sy. No. 8 and 9 belongs to Savitha K. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No.88 and 89, carved out of Schedule 'A' Property, converted Sy. No.10, measuring 01 Acre 27 Guntas, conversion No. ALN/ [BE]SR/ 94/09-10, dated 05-10-2010 and converted Sy.No.11, measuring 2 acre 12 Guntas conversion No.ALN[BE]SR/140/13-14, dated 19-03-2014, at Avalahalli Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in the residential layout known as "NS PARADISE TOWNSHIP", measuring East to West: 26.11+38.88/2=32.455 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1298.2 Sq.Feet, this property now comes under the jurisdiction of Avalahalli Village Panchayath bearing PID NO.150200400401320244, Avalahalli Village Panchayath bearing E-Khata No.123/10/11/1, MR No.11/2018/1-15/09/2018, and bounded on the Date 29-11-2018, East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining Site No.89, North by: Bearing Sites No.86 and 87, South by: Road.**
MR. SHREERAM V Loan A/c No. 411600003900 4002160001116 Symbolic Possession taken on: 20/01/2026	02/07/2025	Rs. 1974770.00	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the site No.08, Khata No.274, Assessment No.08, GP Old Khata No. 274/156/1 to 49 and present Khata No.504, measuring East tom West : 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Feet situated at Arehalli Guddadahalli Village, Bashettihalli Gram Pancahayth, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and bounded on the: East by: Site 05 belongs to Smt. S M Rajamma, West by: 20 Feet Wide Road, North by: Site No.07 vacant site, South by: Site No.07 vacant site.**
MR. MADUVINAKODI RANGASWAMY PANDURANGEGOWDA Loan A/c No. 4002060002478 Symbolic Possession taken on :19/01/2026	23/05/2025	Rs. 1530814.00	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.97, Grmatana Khata No.331, Presnt BBMP No.222, Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all total measuring 900 sq.feet, with a building of Ground floor of 2 Square Meters, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshawantapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore Urban District, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.40, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Property No.96, South by: Property No.98.**
MR. MANISH DEO Loan A/c No. 411800001572 Symbolic Possession taken on : 19/01/2026	24/09/2025	Rs. 2387154.00	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the land property to an extent of 63794 Sq.Ft., (i.e., 1 Acre 18 ½ Guntas) in Sy. No. 71/1, duly converted from Agricultural purpose to non-agricultural purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No.BDS:ALN:SR(S)56/2004-2005, dated 27/05/2004 and approved by BBMP on 29/06/2007 wherein a residential Apartment complex called 'KRISTAL DOLOMITE APARTMENT' building has now been put up as per plan vide No.BOMN(BBMP)-LP No.04/07-089, and obtained revised plan on 09/04/2008, and having BBMP Katha No.1291/1258/1073/71/1/1093, situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Bangalore and having the following boundaries: East by: Land in Sy.No.80, West by: Land belonging to K E Chengappa North by: Land Sy.No.70, South by: Land in Sy.No.71/2. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of undivided right, title share and interest of 410.79 Sq. Ft. of land property out of total extent of 63764 sq.Ft in Schedule – A Property which is an proportionate Built Up Area, particularly the Schedule –C Property, which is sold by the Vendor to the Purchaser herein. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Two Bed Room Apartment bearingFlat No.2G04, having Built Up Area hereby sold to the Purchaser comprises an area of 867.66 Sq. feet built up area in the Ground Floor out of proportionate Super Built Up Area of 1147 Sq.Feet in the KRISTAL DOLOMITE APARTMENT" building built on the Schedule-A Property i.e., on the land bearing Sy.No.71/1 Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted from Agricultural purpose to non-agricultural purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No.BDS.ALN:SR/56/2004-05, dated 27/05/2004, and built as per the Plan approved by BBMP on 29/06/2007 Vide No.BOMN(BBMP)-LP No.04/07-08, and as revised on 07/04/2008 which is bearing Flat No.2G04, having BBMP Katha No.1258/1073/1093/71/1 with RCC roofing, Hallow Bricks Walls, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Sal Wood Doors and Steel Windows, with all the Civic amenities provided thereto together with one specified covered car parking facility provided in the basement floor of the building and the flat is bounded as follows: East by: Flat No.2G05, West by: Corridor, North by: Open Space, South by: Corridor.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 22.01.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATION) RULES, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED AND EMBASSY PRISM VENTURESLIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED AND EMBASSY PRISM VENTURES LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CA (CAA) NO. 46/BB/2025

MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED
CIN: L55101KA1979PLC003620
PAN: AAACM9877G
Registered office: Embassy Point, 1st Floor, 150 Infantry Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
...APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 1/ DEMERGED COMPANY EMBASSY

PRISM VENTURES LIMITED
CIN: U70109KA2020PLC138875
PAN: AAGCE0981M
Registered office:Embassy Point, 1st Floor, 150 Infantry Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
...APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 2 / RESULTING COMPANY

NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF MEMBERS AS PER DIRECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH

Notice is hereby given that, in the captioned matters, by an order dated November 21, 2025 read with the order dated January 12, 2026 (collectively referred to as "Orders"), the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench ("Tribunal"), has inter alia directed that a meeting ("Meeting") of the equity shareholders of Mac Charles (India) Limited ("Applicant Company 1" or "Demerged Company" or "Company") be convened and held for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving, with or without modification, the Scheme of Arrangement between Mac Charles (India) Limited and Embassy Prism Ventures Limited and their respective shareholders ("Scheme"), under Sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), and in accordance with Master Circular No. SEBI/ HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93 dated June 20, 2023, issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), as amended from time to time, and any other circulars issued by theSEBI applicable to schemes of arrangement.

As directed by the Hon'ble NCLT, the meeting shall be conducted through Video Conferencing or Other Audio-Visual Means ("VC/OAVM"). The notice of the meeting shall be served by e-mail and, where e-mail service is not possible, by publication of an advertisement, as confirmed by the Hon'ble Tribunal in its Orders.

Pursuant to the Orders and the directions contained therein, notice is hereby further given that a meeting of the equity shareholders of the Applicant Company No. 1 will be held on Wednesday,February 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM (IST), through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of shareholders at a common venue. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the operating procedures prescribed in the applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

The notice of the meeting will be available on the website of the Applicant Company 1 athttps://www.maccharlesindia.com/ , Bombay Stock Exchanges Limited at www.bseindia.com andCentral Depository Services Limited at https:// www.evotingindia.com/. The physical copies of the Notice shall be sent to those members who request the same by writing an e-mail to the Applicant Company 1 at investor.relations@maccharlesindia.com. The copy of Notice of the meeting can also be obtained free of charge from the registered office of Applicant Company 1 on all working days, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (IST)up to one day prior to the date of the Meeting. Alternatively, a request for obtaining an electronic/soft copy of the Notice may be made by writing an e-mail to the Applicant Company 1 at investor. relations@maccharlesindia.com.

Members holding shares in physical mode and who have not updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to update their email addresses by submitting Form ISR-1 and writing to BgSE Financials Limited, the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company, at vp_rta@bfsl.co.inalong with a self-attested copy of the Permanent Account Number card and a self-attested copy of the Aadhar card or any document (like Driving License, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the member. Members holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to register/update their email addresses with their respectivedepository participants. In case of any queries/ difficulties in registering the email address, members may write to vp_rta@bfsl.co.in.

Dated this21st Day of January 2026
Place : BENGALURU

SD/-Saji P John,
Advocate,
Chairperson appointed by the NCLT

FORM NO. CAA. 2

[Pursuant to Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATION) RULES, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED AND EMBASSY PRISM VENTURESLIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED AND EMBASSY PRISM VENTURES LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CA (CAA) NO. 46/BB/2025

MAC CHARLES (INDIA) LIMITED
CIN: L55101KA1979PLC003620
PAN: AAACM9877G
Registered office: Embassy Point, 1st Floor, 150 Infantry Road,Bengaluru- 560 001
...APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 1/ DEMERGED COMPANY MBASSY

PRISM VENTURES LIMITED
CIN: U70109KA2020PLC138875
PAN: AAGCE0981M
Registered office:Embassy Point, 1st Floor, 150 Infantry Road,Bengaluru- 560 001
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In pursuance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Tribunal and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the equity shareholders of the Applicant Company 1 will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 11:00 AM (IST), through Video Conferencing or Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM"), without the physical presence of the equity shareholders at a common venue, and in accordance with the operating procedures referred to in the applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, as well as the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

The dispatch of the notice to those shareholders as on January 19, 2026 (" Dispatch Cut-Off Date") by Applicant Company 1 of the aforesaid meeting, along with the Scheme, the explanatory statement,and other information and annexures, is in accordance with the relevantprovisions of Sections of 230 and 232 read with Section 102 and other applicable provisions of the Act and Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016, and the information and documents as required under the Observation Letter dated August 21, 2025, issued by the Bombay Stock Exchangeand the Orders ("Notice").

The Notice will also be available on the website of the Applicant Company 1 athttps://www.maccharlesindia.com/, Bombay Stock Exchanges Limited at www.bseindia.com andCentral Depository Services Limited at https:// www.evotingindia.com/. The physical copies of the Notice shall be sent to those members who request the same by writing an e-mail to the Applicant Company 1 at investor.relations@maccharlesindia.com.The copy of Notice of the meeting can also be obtained free of charge from the registered office of Applicant Company 1 on all working days, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (IST) up to one day prior to the date of the Meeting. Alternatively, a request for obtaining an electronic/soft copy of the Notice may be made by writing an e-mail to the Applicant Company 1 at investor.relations@maccharlesindia.com.

Equity shareholders of the Applicant Company 1 entitled to attend, and vote may vote through remote e-voting facility prior to the meeting or through e-voting facility made available at the meeting. Since the meeting will be held through VC/ OAVM, the facility for appointment of proxies will not be available for the meeting. Voting in case of body corporate shall be permitted, provided the prescribed form/authorization is filed with Applicant Company 1 at investor.relations@maccharlesindia.comwith a copy marked to the Scrutinizer atprasannanaganur@gmail.com, and evoting@cdslindia.com, no later than 48 (Forty Eight) hours before the start of the aforesaid meeting as required under Rule 10 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamation) Rules, 2016.

The important dates for e-voting are provided below:

Remote e-voting start - Day, Date and Time	:	Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 9:00 AM (IST)
Remote e-voting end - Day, Date and Time	:	Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM (IST)
e-voting at the Meeting - Day, Date and Time	:	Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM (IST) (upon voting being announced by the Chairperson of the Meeting)

Remote e-voting and e-voting at the meeting shall not be allowed beyond the respective voting periods, as stated above. Shareholders may exercise their votes in only one mode, i.e., either by remote e-voting or by e-voting at the Meeting. Shareholders who cast their votes by remote e-voting may attend the Meeting but will not be entitled to cast their vote again.

Only persons whose names are recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 ("Cut-Off Date") shall be entitled to exercise his/her/its voting rights on the resolution proposed in the Notice (either by way of remote e-voting facility or the e-voting facility made available at the Meeting) and attend the Meeting. The voting rights of the equity shareholders shall be in proportion to their holding in the paid-up share capital of the Applicant Company 1 as on the Cut-Off Date. A person who is not an equity shareholder of the Applicant Company 1 as on the Cut-off Date, should treat the Notice for information purpose only.

Any person, who acquires equity shares of the Applicant Company 1 after Dispatch Cut-Off Date and whose name appears in the Register of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the Cut-Off Date can download the Notice from the website of Applicant Company 1 at investor.relations@maccharlesindia.com and may obtain the login ID and password in the manner outlined in the Notice.

Applicant Company 1 has appointed the Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") to provide facility for remote e-voting and e-voting during the meeting, as well as to provide the facility for participating in the meeting through VC/OAVM. In case of any difficulty in attending the meeting through VC/OAVM or accessing the facility for remote e-voting and e-voting during the meeting, you may contact Mr. Nitin Kunder, CDSL at the designated email ID: helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.comand phone: 022- 23058738.

The Hon'ble Tribunal has appointed Mr. Saji P John as the Chairperson of the aforesaid Meeting, including for any adjournment(s) thereof. Further, the Hon'ble Tribunal has also appointed Prasanna Naganur, Practicing Company Secretaryas the Scrutinizer for the Meeting, including for any adjournment(s) thereof.

The Scheme, if approved at the Meeting will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Tribunal and such other approvals, permission and sanctions of regulatory or other authorities, as may be necessary and as contemplated in the Scheme.

Accordingly, the equity shareholders of Applicant Company 1 are requested to attend the Meeting as per the above-mentioned mode, date and time. Attendance of the equity shareholders of the Applicant Company 1 participating in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act. In case the said quorum for the meeting is not present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes, thereafter, the equity shareholders of the Applicant Company 1 present shall be deemed to constitute the quorum.

Dated this 21st Day of January 2026
Place : BENGALURU

SD/-Saji P John,
Advocate,
Chairperson appointed by the NCLT

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Rajasthan Water Grid Corporation Limited

(Formerly known as "Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation Limited")
Sinchai Bhawan, JLN Marg, Jaipur 302017, Tel: 0141-2700669 Email: ceercpc@gmail.com

No. :- 7809 Date :- 16/01/2026

NIB No. – EOI/RWGCL/52/2025-26

Managing Director, RWGCL invites bid for " Expression of Interest for Panel of chartered Accountant firms to the Statutory Auditors/Additional Auditors for package -1, package - 2 and package-3 separately under Navnera – Galwa- Bisalpur- Isarda link project on Hybrid Annuity Model being undertaken by RWGCl Rajasthan for up to 5 years" from interested firms up to 09.02.2026 (05.00 PM). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/sppp/** of the state. **NIB Code : ERP2526A0058, UBN No. : ERP2526SSOB00065**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/18132 **Managing Director**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NOS 1, 2, 2(a), 2(b), 2(b)(1), 2(b)(2), 3 and 4
VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 06.01.2026
WRIT PETITION NO. 17304/2018 (GM-DRT)

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
HEAD OFFICE, NO. 1/1, KSFC BHAVAN,
THIMMAIAH ROAD, BENGALURU- 560 052.
AND ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT CHITRADURGA BY ITS BRANCH MANAGER, BEHIND BASAVESHWAR THEATRE, CHITRADURGA - 577 501.

.....PETITIONER

RESPONDENTS

SRI . LAKSHMINARAYAN NAIDU S/O GOVINDARAJULU NAIDU, SANTHPETE, NEAR PRASANNA TALKIES, CHITRADURGA-577 501. & OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

TO RESPONDENT Nos. 1, 2, 2(a), 2(b), 2(b)(1), 2(b)(2), 3 and 4

1. SRI. LAKSHMINARAYANA NAIDU S/O GOVINDARAJULU NAIDU, SANTHPETE, NEAR PRASANNA TALKIES, CHITRADURGA-577 501.

PROP. OF M/S MARUTHI INN PIN CODE-577501

2. SRI D GOVINDRAJ S/O D SRINIVASA NAIDU LATE BY LR
2(a) MR. D AMRIT RAJ S/O GOVINDRAJ,
NO. 2223, 5TH CROSS, B BLOCK, 21ST MAIN, HSR LAYOUT, SECTOR-2, BENGALURU-560 034.

2. SRI D GOVINDRAJ S/O D SRINIVASA NAIDU LATE BY LR
2(b) MR. D. TRILOK RAJ S/O D GOVINDARAJ LATE BY LR
2(b)(1) SMT PADMAVATHI RAJ W/O LATE D TRILOK RAJ
R/AT NO. 37, 1 B CROSS, 5TH WARD, SHIVAPURA KATTIGENAHALLI POST, YELAHANKA, BENGALURU-560 063.

2. SRI D GOVINDRAJ S/O D SRINIVASA NAIDU LATE BY LR
2(b) MR. D. TRILOK RAJ S/O D GOVINDARAJ LATE BY LR
2(b)(2) KUMARI D. VARASHA RAJ D/O LATE D TRILOK RAJ
R/O AT NO. 37, 1 B CROSS, 5TH WARD, SHIVAPURA KATTIGENAHALLI POST, YELAHANKA, BENGALURU-560 063.

3. M/S ADITHYA MARKETING
A PARTNERSHIP FIRM HAVING REGD, OFFICE AT: NO. 209, 17TH "E" MAIN KHB COLONY, 5TH BLOCK, KORAMANGALA, BENGALURU-560 095.

4. KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.
NO 776, 100 FEET ROAD HAL 2ND STAGE, INDIRA NAGAR, BENGALURU-560 008.

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Articles 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a writ in the nature of Certiorari to quash the order dated 09.11.2017 passed in R.a.No. 140/2013 by the DRAT Chennai, Vide Annexure-J and remand the O.S. No. 260/2010 filed by the Respondent No. 4 to DRT, Bengaluru for fresh disposal in accordance with Law and in the light of the observations made by the DRAT; and (ii) to issue a writ in the name of Mandamus directing the DRT, Bengaluru to reconsider the objections filed by the Petitioner in OA No. 260/2010 on merits.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition on 05.02.2026 at 10.30 A.M. in case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT, ON THIS THE 06TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2)

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) read with Sec.13(3) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Union Bank of India** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Bagalur Branch (16621) Sy. No.329/2, Ground Floor, B Anjanappa Complex, Bagalur, Gundappa Circle, Bagalur - 562149 Ph : +91- 9653616621, Email ID: ubin0816621@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower : (a) Mr. M Keshava S/o Mohan **(b) Mrs. K Mohan Kumari** W/o M. Keshava, **Both are residing at:** No. 21A, 14th Cross, 1st Main, Maruthinagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. **Alternate Address**: No. 33, 28th Cross, 1st Main, 2nd Division, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560064. **(2)Guarantor(s): (a) Mr. M Munirajaiah** S/o Late Muni Chowdappa, No.44, Type II, Block 8, Nimhans Qtrs, Byrasandra Campus, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011

Housing Loan Account No. 166230100015522: amount outstanding As on 23.12.2025, a sum of Rs. 13,02,040.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Two Thousand Forty Only) together with further interest and charges thereon.

NPA Date : 14.12.2025 Demand Notice Dated : 23.12.2025

Mortgage of Immovable property described herein below:

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No. 5, Old Katha No. 65/1/5, New Katha No. 495/65/1/2, situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 45 feet, Totally measuring 1125 Sq. ft and bounded on the: East by: Remaining portion of the same property, West by : Remaining portion of the same property North by: Remaining portion of 25 ft Road in the same property which is retained by Sri Keshava and his Brother, South by : Site No. 6.

Bhuvaneshwarinagar Branch (56490) No.70/71, Hebbal, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Dasarahalli Village Road, Bengaluru - 560024, Phone : +91-8369356490, Email ID: ubin0556491@unionbankofindia.bank.in

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower: (a) Ms. Shifa Fathima alias Vijayalakshmi Bommanahalli Lokesh Represented by her General Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Geetha B L W/o Sameer D/o Lokesh Bommanahalli Siddappa, No E 133/1, 1st Main Road, 5th Main Road, Andrahalli Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560091. **Alternate Address:** Residential Flat, 3rd Floor, Site No. 25, Khatha No. 1389/1266/92/25, 2nd Cross Road, Sharada Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Vasantapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560062. **(b) Ms. B L Geetha (Co-Applicant and POA holder of Mrs. Shifa Fathima)** D/o Lokesh Bommanahalli Siddappa No. 253, Near Telephone Exchange, Janata Colony, Deluxe Road Line, Old Gate, Dasanapura Hobli, Madanaiyakanahalli, Madavara, Bengaluru 562123 **Alternate Address:** No. 12, 4th Cross, Kushi Nilaya, Brundavana Badavane, Karihobanahalli, Bengaluru 560073. **(2) Guarantor(s): (a) Mrs. Sharadamma** W/o Lokesh Bommanahalli Siddappa No. 253, Near Telephone Exchange, Janata Colony, Deluxe Road Line, Old Gate, Dasanapura Hobli, Madanaiyakanahalli, Madavara, Bengaluru 562123.

Housing Loan Account No. 564906650000262 and Personal Loan Account No. 564906590000097: amount outstanding As on 02/01/2026, a sum of Rs. 2,46,95,057.00 (Rupees Two Crore Forty-Six Lakh Ninety-Five Thousand Fifty-Seven Only) together with further interest and charges thereon.

NPA Date : 31.12.2025 Demand Notice Dated : 02.01.2026

Mortgage of immovable property described herein below

SCHEDULE A : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No. 25, bearing Khatha No. 1389/1266/92/25 measuring East to West on Northern Side 54.0 Feet and Southern 60.0 Feet and North to South 42 feet in all 2394 Sq. Ft, situated at Sharadha Nagar, Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently under administration of BBMP and bounded on the: East by : Sharadamma's Property, West by : 40 Feet Road, North by : Chowdappa's Property, South by : Lingaraju's Property **SCHEDULE B:** 3 BHK Residential Units/House situated on the Third Floor, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 1800 Sq. Ft, with 520 sq ft of undivided share of land, including proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, stair cases and other areas of common use, with one closed car parking area/space in Ground Floor.

Therefore, you are hereby called upon, in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay the above-mentioned outstanding amount together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate, as per the terms and conditions of the loan documents executed by you, and to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights available to us under the said Act.

Date : 22.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Tata Steel Masters: Gukesh holds Praggnanandhaa

World Champion D Gukesh drew his fourth game on the trot, signing peace with compatriot and defending champion R Praggnanandhaa while Arjun Erigaisi could not break the defence of Anish Giri and drew for the third day running in the Tata Steel Masters at Wijk Aan Zee, the Netherlands.

ICC asks Bangladesh to play T20 World Cup matches in India

GOMESH S @Chennai

IN what comes as a massive blow to Bangladesh, International Cricket Council has denied the request of Bangladesh Cricket Board to shift their T20 World Cup matches from India to Sri Lanka at the board meeting on Wednesday. The BCB has been given a day to adhere to the original schedule. Should BCB decide not to participate, as reported by this daily, Scotland may replace them in Group C.

"The decision was taken after considering all security assessments conducted, including independent reviews, all of which indicated there was no threat to Bangladesh players, media persons, officials and fans at any of the tournament venues in India. The ICC Board noted that it was not feasible to make changes so close to the tournament and that altering the schedule under the circumstances, in the absence of any credible security threat, could set a precedent that would jeopardise the sanctity of future ICC events and undermine its neutrality as a global governing body," ICC said in a statement.

It all began when Mustafizur Rahman was removed from the IPL. Kolkata Knight Riders had signed him for ₹9.2 crores. However, in the wake of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh, a section in India protested against the decision. Following that BCCI told KKR to release the seamer. And soon, BCB informed ICC of its decision to not travel to India. ICC and BCB have been engaged in multiple meetings over the last few days but the latter had stood their ground. With the meeting hitting an impasse, ICC board voted against Bangladesh's request on Wednesday. "During this period, the ICC has shared detailed inputs, including independent security assessments, comprehensive venue-level security plans and formal assurances from the host authorities, all of which consistently concluded that there is no credible or verifiable threat to the safety or security of the Bangladesh team in India. Despite these efforts, the BCB maintained its position, repeatedly linking its participation in the tournament to a single, isolated and unrelated development concerning one of its player's involvement in a domestic league. This linkage has no bearing on the tournament's security framework or the conditions governing participation in the World Cup," an ICC spokesperson said. "In the absence of any independent security findings that materially compromise the safety of the Bangladesh team, the ICC is unable to relocate fixtures. Doing so would carry significant logistical and scheduling consequences for other teams and fans worldwide, and would also create far-reaching precedent-related challenges that risk undermining the neutrality, fairness, and integrity of ICC governance," the spokesperson added.

HOPING FOR A MIRACLE: BCB PRESIDENT

BCB President Aminul Islam has said that he is hoping for a "miracle" from the ICC. "I don't want to put pressure on the government. We remain in the stance that we want to play in Sri Lanka. I know the ICC denied us but we will talk to the government one more time. I will inform the ICC about the government's feedback," Islam was quoted saying by *Cricbuzz*.

India opener Abhishek Sharma scored 84 runs off just 35 balls, hitting eight sixes and five fours, on Wednesday | PTI

Abhishek, Rinku back with bang as India sail through

Clinical performance by hosts hand them a 48-run win in Nagpur

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

INDIA'S T20 juggernaut shows no signs of stopping at the moment. In the first match of the five match T20I series against the visiting Kiwis, the hosts displayed their ruthless streak both with bat and ball to romp home by 48 runs.

Going on a run in T20s can be very difficult because of the different factors at play. Luck, conditions and a few balls can all result in a different result. It's kind of why what Suryakumar Yadav & Co have managed to do over the two years or so is praiseworthy. Across 38 matches post winning the last T20 World Cup, they have now won 28 matches (five losses). What has worked for them is they have match-winners across all phases while batting and bowling.

An earlier iteration of the team's batting unit was perhaps focused on wicket conservation. Those shackles have well and truly loosened as this side have learned to ignore the number on the right side of the scoreboard. Keep marrying intent with execution and generally forget about the other stuff. But it's true their bowling that has given them a platform where they have genuine chances of becoming the first team to successfully defend the T20 World Cup. In Varun Chakravarthy and Jasprit Bumrah, they have two locks. Eight overs for not many, lots of dot balls, very few hit-me balls and wickets.

And Arshdeep Singh generally finds swing under lights. And he's generally very accurate with the new ball. Out of the 76 wickets the left-armer has picked in T20Is, 49 of those have come in the powerplay. His 50th powerplay wicket came in the first over of the New Zealand run chase. The Black Caps, fresh from a famous 2-1 ODI series win on these shores, had the knowledge of excess dew in the outfield but even then, a target of 239 proved to be too much.

The Indian bowling in this format, with less than a month to go for the bash, are set and forget operators. They all know what's expected of them as the role clarity is supreme. All the bowlers did what was expected of them to a T. Minimum fuss, maximum efficiency. The same can be said of the batting as well. Up front, Abhishek Sharma knows only one way. Go big or go home. But because he has total conviction in his methods and he's playing percentage cricket when the field is up, his conviction is backed up by some logic. It's the method behind his madness. On Wednesday, after being asked to bat first, Sharma took off against their new ball bowlers and the boundaries and maximums kept flowing off his blade. He had muscled his way to 31 when the powerplay finished off just 15 balls. Off the next 19 balls, he scored 53 runs all bowlers travelled the distance.

He can sometimes lose shape when trying to muscle the ball but other that, there aren't many weaknesses. Ish Sodhi went for sixes on the off and the on side. The returning Mitchell Santner, usually a scourge for many an Indian batting unit across formats, was off colour thanks to Sharma's ebullient strokeplay. Glenn Phillips, who turns the ball away from the left-hander, was despatched for a hat-trick of boundaries in front of square on the off side. They had three spinners and all three of them were taken apart by Sharma. A gauntlet had been laid down.

Once he departed, Rinku Singh assumed centerstage to lift the hosts to 238 on a placid track. **Brief scores:** India 238/7 in in 20 ovs (Abhishek 84, Rinku 44 n.o; Duffy 2/27) **bt** NZ 190/7 in 20 ovs (Phillips 78, Dube 2/28).

Gill leads star cast as Ranji Trophy resumes after break

AGENCIES @Rajkot

ALL eyes will be on Shubman Gill when Ranji Trophy resumes on Thursday after India's Test and ODI captain decided against taking a break and opting to turn up for Punjab against Saurashtra in a key Group B clash here.

After India's unlikely 1-2 ODI series loss to New Zealand, Gill headed straight to this city, setting up a marquee duel against Saurashtra all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja.

The fixture carries weight for both teams, with Saurashtra placed fourth on 13 points. Punjab sit sixth and face an uphill task in a group led by Karnataka on 21 points, three ahead of Maharashtra.

Another India regular in focus will be Mohammed Siraj, who is set for his first outing as Hyderabad captain at his home ground.

Siraj, returning from International duty, replaces G Rahul Singh in the role and will lead Hyderabad against 42-time champions Mumbai in Group D, also marking his first Ranji appearance of the season.

Mumbai, unbeaten at the top of the group with three wins from five matches, will be without Ajinkya Rahane, who has made himself unavailable. Earlier this season, he also stepped down from captaincy.

The side will continue under Shardul Thakur, with Jammu and Kashmir the only other team still in contention from the group.

KL Rahul is also set to bolster Karnataka when they face Madhya Pradesh in Alur, strengthening the Group B leaders' push for a quarter-final berth, while Nitish Kumar Reddy will turn out for Andhra Pradesh against Vijay Hazare Trophy champions Vidarbha in Anantapur.

India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, however, will miss out as he continues his rehabilitation from an injury sustained ahead of the New Zealand ODIs.

In Group C, Bengal, leading the standings with 23 points, will host second-placed Services at the Kalyani Stadium on the outskirts of Kolkata, holding a four-point cushion going into the clash.

The red-ball action in domestic cricket returns after a two-month pause for white-ball competitions, with two league rounds remaining before the quarter-finals begin on February 6.

The knockout leg will be held simultaneously with the T20 World Cup with the summit clash scheduled from February 24-28. The top two teams from each of the four Elite groups will qualify for the quarter-finals.

Select fixtures

Group A: At Bhubaneswar: Odisha vs Tamil Nadu; At Anantapur: Andhra vs Vidarbha. **Group B:** At Alur: Karnataka vs Madhya Pradesh; At Rajkot: Saurashtra vs Punjab; At Mangalapuram: Kerala vs Chandigarh. Group D: At Hyderabad: Hyderabad vs Mumbai; At Bengaluru: Chhattisgarh vs Delhi.

HIL: Lancers to face Royals in playoffs

TANMAY DAS @Bhubaneswar

AFTER concluding their league stage by finishing on top of the table, Vedanta Kalinga Lancers will lock horns with Ranchi Royals in the first play-off of the Hockey India League (HIL). The match is set to be played on January 23.

This tie was confirmed after the Royals lost to Tamil Nadu dragons via penalty shootouts after a 3-3 draw in regulation time here at the Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday.

Nathan Ephraums, Blake Grovers, Uttam Singh and Tom Craig scored for the Dragons, while Yeshdeep Siwach and Maxime Van scored for the Royals. However, the Dragons with 10 points, finished outside the play-off positions.

Earlier, Ranchi began well by as Mandeep Singh opened the scoring 23 seconds into the match. Top scorer of the league and Royals' skipper Tom Boom added to his tally by scoring two goals. Similarly, Blake Grovers's brace for the Dragons in the 24th and 53rd minutes and a goal by Karthi Selvam in the 32 minute helped Dragons level the match.

Ball is now in RCB's court, says Prasad

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

KARNATAKA State Cricket Association (KSCA) president and former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad placed the onus on Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to play their home IPL fixtures at the iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium. About 45 days into his stint as president, Prasad's key goal of bringing IPL and international matches is more or less achieved. The stadium received conditional permission from the Karnataka government, after the Prasad-led managing committee held various talks with local authorities.

"We have received the conditional permission from government, and we are confident of getting an unconditional permission sooner rather than later, and after doing all this, I sincerely hope that Royal Challengers Bengaluru will play all their seven home matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium," Prasad told reporters on Wednesday.

His plea to bring RCB back comes at a time when talks of RCB playing away from the city is gaining mileage. "The ball is in RCB's court. I also hope that RCB also gets involved and engages with the government for smooth conduct of the matches. So far, it has been only one sided. We are doing this for cricket," Prasad said, before adding, "So, from here onwards, the RCB has to take things forward. It is the responsibility of the RCB to take this dialogue forward. It is their responsibility to come back here and play and not to take the game away from Bengaluru. They have grown to this level only because of having played in Bengaluru and because of the Bengaluru crowd. So, I have asked them to come and play here," he said.

KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad (L) inspecting the ground | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

In June last year, a day after RCB won the IPL, a stampede occurred in the victory parade within the premises where 11 lives were lost. Every since that incident, the stadium has not seen any international cricket take place. It has missed out on the Women's World Cup matches, and will miss out on hosting Men's T20 World Cup matches. "The BCCI had told us that we will get some international matches to compensate for that, and that was their word during Tuesday's IPL Governing Council meeting," he added.

RCB's 'apprehensions'

KSCA secretary Santosh Menon assured RCB that every single corrective measure that has been put forward by the government officials has been adhered to in their letter and spirit. "RCB are keen on playing here. So, let's not take that away from them. But they have certain apprehensions which they have to clarify, which we will sit together and resolve. Probably they have issues with the government and not with us," he said.

The franchise, hours after the press conference, have reiterated their stance over being thorough before coming back to play matches. "While our desire is always to play at our home ground, in front of our ardent fans, we want to be thorough in our commitment to further understand the conditions applicable to host matches here and the measures taken to ensure fans safety protocols are met. Our goal is to see how best all stakeholders involved can work together," a statement from RCB said.

EXPRESS READ

Joburg face Royals in SA20 eliminator

CENTURION: In what will be a rematch of the last league game, Joburg Super Kings will take on Paarl Royals in SA20 eliminator on Thursday. JSK sneaked into the play-off thanks to a crucial 44-run over Royals on Monday. The winner of the match will face the losing team from Qualifier 1 for a place in the final.

Sindhu and Srikanth advance to second round

JAKARTA: PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the second round of their respective events at the Indonesia Masters badminton tournament here on Wednesday. Sindhu beat Manami Suizu of Japan 22-20, 21-18, Former world No 1 Srikanth then beat world No.22 Koki Watanabe 21-15, 21-23 24-22.

PWL: Maharashtra edge UP 5-4 in thriller

NOIDA: Despite Antim Panghal's victory in the concluding contest, UP Dominators could not win the tie as they lost 4-5 to Maharashtra Kesari in the Pro Wrestling League here on Wednesday. Earlier, UP made a strong start before Maharashtra responded with three successive victories to swing momentum in their favour.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

City humbled by Bodo/Glimt, PSG too lose

AFP @Paris

MANCHESTER City were on the wrong side of one of the biggest shocks in Champions League history on Tuesday, while holders Paris Saint-Germain also stumbled but Gabriel Jesus helped keep Arsenal perfect. Pep Guardiola's Man City arrived in chilly Norway for their seventh and penultimate league-phase match against modest Bodo/Glimt as hot favourites.

But they came unstuck in the freezing conditions at the stadium 200km north of the Arctic Circle, losing 3-1.

Bodoe/Glimt players celebrate a goal against Manchester City on Tuesday | AFP

Meanwhile, PSG have work to do to ensure direct qualification to the last 16 next week after being caught out late in Portugal. Luis Suarez struck twice for Sporting Lisbon in the second half, sealing victory with a 90th-minute header after substitute Khvicha Kvaratskhelia had equalised for PSG. **Results:** Kairat 1-4 Club Brugge, Bodo/Glimt 3-1 Man City, Villarreal 1-2 Ajax, Tottenham 2-0 Dortmund, Olympiacos 2-0 Leverkusen, Sporting 2-1 PSG, Inter 1-2 Arsenal, Real Madrid 6-1 Monaco, Copenhagen 1-1 Napoli.

Sabalenka & Gauff join Alcaraz in Round 3

AFP @Melbourne

CARLOS Alcaraz fended off a series of "bombs" before surging into the Australian Open third round on Wednesday, where he was joined by Aryna Sabalenka and a near-flawless Coco Gauff.

Three-time finalist Daniil Medvedev needed four sets to keep his Grand Slam dream on track at a cooler Melbourne Park after days of hot weather.

Alexander Zverev, the third seed well beaten in last year's final by Jannik Sinner, also went through in four sets.

Spanish superstar Alcaraz came through 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2 on Rod Laver Arena against hard-hitting German Yannick Hanfmann to take another step towards a career Grand Slam.

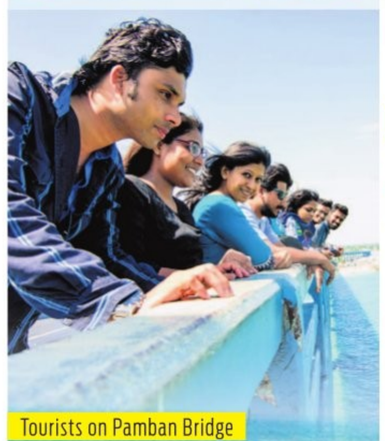
Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return to Germany's Yannick Hanfmann | AFP

But the 22-year-old was put through his paces by a player 12 years older before setting up a showdown with France's Corentin Moutet. "To be honest, it was tougher than I thought at the beginning," said Alcaraz, who already has six major titles but has never gone past the last eight in Melbourne. If Alcaraz does win the Australian Open to complete the career Grand Slam of all four majors, he would be the youngest man to do so, surpassing compatriot Rafael Nadal, who was 24 when he achieved that feat. **Results (select; Rd 2) Men:** Carlos Alcaraz bt Yannick Hanfmann 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2, Alexander Zverev bt Alexandre Muller 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. **Women:** Aryna Sabalenka bt Bai Zhuoxuan 6-3, 6-1, Mirra Andreeva bt Maria Sakkari 6-0, 6-4.

Vedanta Udaipur World Music Festival returns this February, featuring Taba Chake, Amit Trivedi, Indian Ocean and more

See Paris from the sky on Europe's longest cable car linking the city's suburbs with its metro network

Ramanathaswamy Temple



Tourists on Pamban Bridge

Dhanushkodi

From ancient temples to coastal vistas, Rameshwaram offers a journey where an epic, devotion and natural beauty meet at India's end...

SACRED SHORES

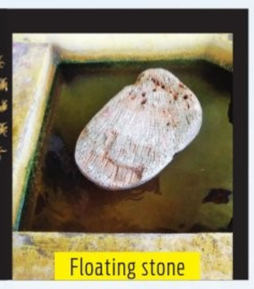
SRUSHTI KULKARNI

Having grown up watching numerous animated films, television serials and theatre productions based on the *Ramayana*, one of the many elements that always intrigued us were the floating stones used to construct the bridge from India to Sri Lanka at as Dhanushkodi, the last point of India. When we arrived at the Panchamukhi Hanuman Temple and witnessed not just one but many such stones afloat, we felt a deep sense of affirmation, as though much of the story was indeed true. It was here that we learnt of a lesser-known legend. According to the *Ramayana*, two monkeys named Nala and Nila, in their youth, would often throw *murtis* worshipped by sages into the water. As a consequence, the sages cursed them, declaring that any stone they threw into water would float instead of sinking — thus enabling the construction of Ram Setu. The temple itself houses centuries-old, naturally occurring idols believed to be *svayambhu* depicting a five-faced Hanuman avatar.

Rameshwaram is full of such surprises and supporting evidence. Be it the Vellundhi Teertha (natural freshwater spring found within the sea, surrounded by saline water, believed to have emerged when Ram struck the ground with his bow after Sita felt thirsty) or the Vibhishan Temple, which stands as the only historical structure to have survived the cyclone of 1964 AD that washed away Dhanushkodi.

Panchamukhi Hanuman

Nataraja Murthi



Floating stone

With fresh memories of what we had just viewed, we arrived at The Residency Towers, currently the only premium accommodation in Rameshwaram. Located on the Madurai–Dhanushkodi Highway, the hotel blends modern five-star facilities with traditional hospitality. A strictly pure vegetarian property, highly valued by devotees, it is a preferred choice for both pilgrims and leisure travellers. The hotel offers 98 rooms, ranging from standard categories to expansive suites, with options featuring pool views or private balconies. It features a gym, games room, restaurants, garden area and more. We headed to the poolside for evening high tea, reflecting on the day's experiences — beginning with our arrival via the new Pamban Bridge. Stretching across the turquoise waters of the Palk Strait, it connects the island to mainland Tamil Nadu. Its predecessor, the historic 1914 cantilever bridge, stood resilient through storms and time and this new bridge honours that legacy while boasting sea vistas and a quiet sense of anticipation of the island's spiritual offerings.

We later stepped into the spa for *Shirodhara*, an ayurvedic therapy where warm oil is gently streamed onto the forehead, soothing both mind and body. By nightfall, the island's calm enveloped us, promising a day of discovery ahead. The next morning found us at Agni Teertham, just outside the Ramanathaswamy Temple. Legend holds that Lord Ram bathed here to cleanse himself of the sins of battle, a ritual devotees continue to this day. Stepping inside the temple complex, pilgrims encounter the 22 sacred wells, each believed to possess purifying properties. After bathing in these waters, entering the main shrine of Ramanathaswamy Temple feels like stepping into an epic carved in stone. Towering *gopurams*, ornate pillars and shiva *linga*-lined corridors walk us through numerous smaller shrines, yet the temple's most distinctive feature is its singularity: it is the only temple in India where Vishnu is depicted in *yog nidra*, the cosmic sleep. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this shrine is a significant pilgrimage site, part of the *char dham* and one of the 12 *jyotirlingas* too.

After the temple visit, we returned to the hotel for a *thali* lunch — a vibrant spread of traditional Tamil dishes. From tangy *sambars* to *ragi ambal*, each bite celebrated local flavours. We then set off towards Dhanushkodi, where the drive in itself is a surreal experience: flanked by the Bay of Bengal on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other, the wind rushing past and an almost reverential silence broken only by the waves. En route, haunting remnants of a bygone era — the old railway station, a church and public buildings, stand as quiet reminders of a town frozen in time, where permanent settlement is no longer permitted. On our last day here, we also managed to squeeze in visits to Natraja Temple, Gandhamadhana Parvatham, Lakshmana Teertham and Kodanda Ramar Temple. We culminated our trip by spending some quiet at the hotel enjoying evening *bhajans* in the lobby and serene walks on the pristine beach.

Cantilever bridge

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on **09.02.2026 on** basis on below mentioned dates **from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of below mentioned amount.
The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below

Sl No.	Name of the borrower	Description of the Property	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount
1	Mr. Arifulla	Apartment bearing Flat No. G-02, Ground Floor, B Block, **"Astoria Park"** *Apartment* located in Property bearing Sy. No. 135, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 560100 *East :* Land No. Sy. No. 44 & 45, West : Road, North : Road, South : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 136	**Rs. 66,03,287.30/-** (Rupees Sixty Sixlakhs Threethousand Two hundred Eighty Seven Only and Paise Thirty Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs.38.99 Lacs Rs.3.899 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
2	Mr. Ashit B Kurbet	**Flat bearing No. 106,** 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" Apartment, located in property bearing site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Ward No. 171, Sy.No. 11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560068	**Rs. 1,79,71,462.69/-** (One Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Seventy OneThousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Rupees and Sixty Nine Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs.36.18 Lacs Rs.3.62 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
		Flat bearing No. 303, 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" apartment, located in property bearing site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Sy.No. 11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560068			**Rs. 37.63 Lacs Rs.3.77 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
3	Mr. Mallesh Kumar.	Flat No. 102, at 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" Apartment located in Property bearing Site No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/ 253/ 254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068	**Rs. 96,15,470.60/-** (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy and Paise Sixty) plus further interest thereonfrom 20.01.2026 other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 44.92 Lacs Rs.4.50 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
4	Mr. Badni Vijayakumar	Apartment bearing Flat No. 4012,Fourth Floor, A Block, "Roshan Gardenia"Apartment located in Property bearing No. 1373, Sy. No. 95/2 & 95/3, Situated at 36th Main Road, Subramanyapura, Poornapragna Layout, off Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560061, East : Flat No. 4013, West : Staircase/ lift & Then Flat No.4011, North : Entrance/ Corridor, South : Open to sky	**Rs. 1,07,32,586.3** (Rupees One Crore Seven lakhs Thirty Two thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six and PaiseThree Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 67.70 Lacs Rs.6.77 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
5	Mr. Balaji N	Apartment bearing Flat No. 406, Forth Floor, D Block, "Roshan Platinum" *Apartment* located in Property bearing No. 1337, Sy. No. 83/1 & 83/2, Situated at Arekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560076, *East :* Flat No. 407,West : Flat No.406, North : Entrance/ Corridor, South : Open to sky.	**Rs. 1,56,27,951.21/-**(Rupees One Crore Fifty Six lakhs Twenty Seven thousand Nine hundred Fifty One and Paise Twenty One Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2025 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 99.97 Lacs Rs.9.997 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
6	Mr. Jiss George	Residential Flat bearing No.307, Third Floor, Midhila Deluxe Apartment, 6th Cross, 1st Main Road, Near R V Kalyana Mantapa, MaruthiNagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.	**Rs. 1,44,98,282.08/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Twoand paisa Eight Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 58.28 Lacs Rs.5.83 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
		Residential Flat bearing No.405, Fourth Floor, Midhila Deluxe Apartment, 6th Cross, 1st Main Road, Near R V Kalyana Mantapa, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.			**Rs. 63.10 Lacs Rs.6.31 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
7	Mr. Umesh Gowda	Apartment bearing Flat No. 205, at 2nd Floor, of the building known as "NEHA SADAN" located in Site bearing No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/ 253/254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068.	**Rs. 88,74,300.09/-** (Rupees Eighty Eight lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three hundred and Paise Nine Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 35.01 Lacs Rs.3.51 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
8	Mr. Santhosh Kumar N	Resideintial Flat No. SF-3, Second Floor, " Arihanth MSR Neepa", Site No. 34 & 41, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560 078, bounded by : For Site No. 34: East: Site No. 41 & 42; West: Road; North: Site No. 33; South : Site No. 36. For Site No. 41: East: Road; West: Plot No. 34 & 35; North: Plot No. 40; South : Plot No.33	**Rs. 88,52,742.52/-** (Rupees Eighty-Sixlakhs Fifty Twothousand Seven hundred Forty Two and Paise Fifty Two Only) plus further interest thereon from 20.01.2026 and other expenses	**09.02.2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**	**Rs. 42.00 Lacs Rs.4.20 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**

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Date :20.01.2026

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For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**
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(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid
1.	**The Managing Director** **1.M/s Technospark Industries India Pvt Ltd** 1341, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar Post, (Near DR.Ambedkar Medical College), Bengaluru – 560032 Karnataka. **Also at,** Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, KIADB Industrial Area, Vasanthanarasapura 1st Phase, Nagenahalli Post, Kora Hobli, Tumkur – 572 128. **2.Mr Mohan Suresh** **(Managing Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032. **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078, Karnataka. **3. Mrs. Surekha Suresh** **(Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032. **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078, Karnataka. **4. Mr M Sanjeev (Guarantor)** No 359, 17th A Cross, 26th Main Road, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.	**1.**All that piece and parcel of property Flat Number 1 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh situated on the ground floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/4, PID No 92-30-57/4 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road, **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road, **South-** Miller Road and Premises No 56, Miller Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church).	**Rs. 35,73,03,042.85** as on **04.01.2026** plus further interest and cost thereon **Symbolic**	**a) ₹ 3,90,00,000/-** **b) ₹ 39,00,000/-** **c) ₹ 1,00,000/-**
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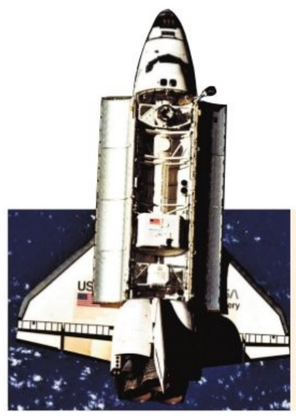


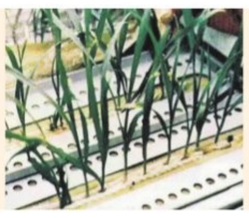
DAY'S DIARY

Return of Atlantis

Space Shuttle Atlantis (STS-81) returned to Earth from Russia's Mir space station, in 1997, after a successful ten-day mission

THE MISSION

On January 12, Atlantis roared into the skies of the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, with a mission to exchange long-duration crew members and deliver 2,800 kg cargo



SPACE PLANT

Among the items brought home by the crew were wheat samples from Mir's Svet greenhouse, marking the first plant that grew fully in space

LONG-DURATION CREW

John Blaha logged 128 days in space, making him the most flight-experienced US astronaut at that time, surpassing Norm Thagard

The best of Bengaluru!

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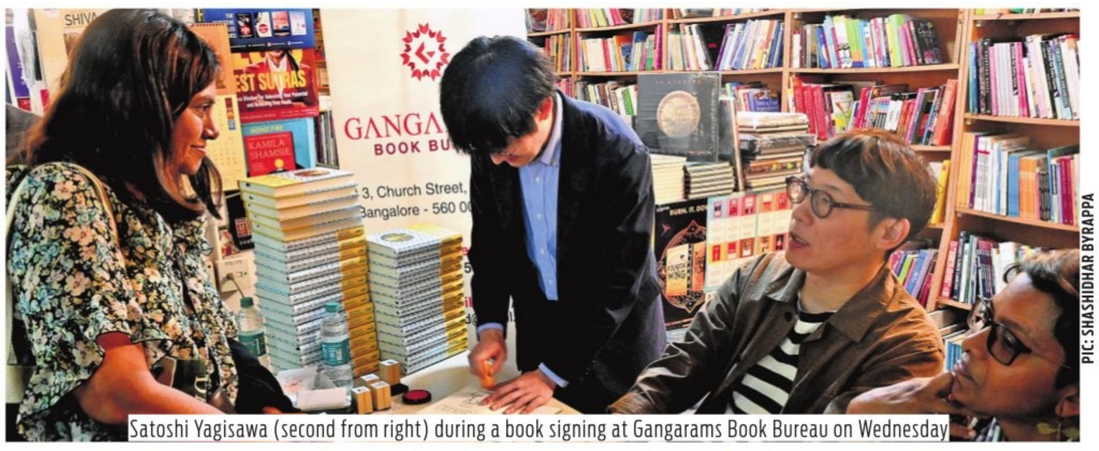
Pleasantly surprised at his popularity in India, bestselling author Satoshi Yagisawa, during his stop in B'luru, on writing to comfort readers, not getting involved in the translation process & his deep love for bookstores...



Satoshi Yagisawa (second from right) during a book signing at Gangarams Book Bureau on Wednesday

PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

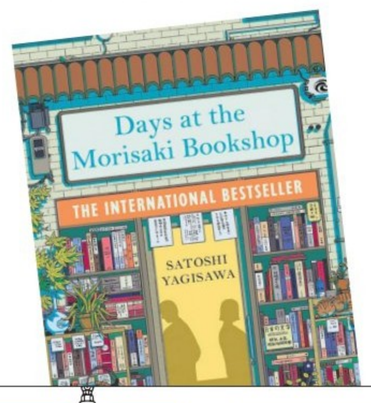
'I STRUGGLE TO IMAGINE MYSELF AS THIS POPULAR AUTHOR'

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

OVER the last two days, the city's readers have been buzzing with excitement at Japanese writer Satoshi Yagisawa's visit to Bengaluru – his session with Shinie Antony on Tuesday sold out quickly and was packed with fans, while his four consecutive signings at Church Street's bookstores yesterday were a similar sight with fans eagerly lining up to get their copies of *Days at The Morisaki Bookshop* signed. "My publishers had told me that my popularity has boomed in India, but since I've never been here, it hadn't sunk in," says the author. Over 150 fans thronged his book signing in Chennai on Monday – one of his first events in the country. This success has been especially surprising for the author, given that the translation by Eric Ozawa, was released 13 years after the Japanese release in 2010. "When I was writing this book, I was an amateur author, and felt I would be lucky to be nominated for a prize and get a few readers. Even now, there are times I struggle to imagine myself as this popular author," says the winner of the Chiyoda Literature Prize.

Amidst the rush, Yagisawa had the chance to talk to fans (albeit, through an interpreter), who often tell him of finding solace in his books during a rough patch. It's this effect and the quality of Ozawa's translation, he credits for the book's global success, saying, "Ozawa's translations are easy to read and respectful to your work. When he agreed to translate, I left it entirely to him." The translation was shortlisted for the 2024 British Book Awards.

Yagisawa's stories, *Days at The Morisaki Bookshop*, its sequel *More Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, and recent release, *Days at the Torunka Cafe*, all have a slow-paced warmth to them, sending their lost, tired or heartbroken characters on an internal journey of self-discovery rather than a hero's journey of conquest. Settings like the old bookshop in Tokyo's Jimbocho or book district, become places of solace and means of forming genuine connections. This came from Yagisawa's own deep love for Jimbocho's bookstores, a stroll through the area becoming the seed of inspiration for *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*. "I just thought – if there was a young lady living on the second floor of a bookshop, what would her life be like, what would her growth look like? Before that inspiration left me, I really wanted to write it down. I finished it in about a month."



Since the success of the book, stores like the ones that nurtured him have been seeing a windfall as he says, "Some of my favourites were owned by elderly people who have since passed or closed their stores. But now, there are a lot of foreigners coming to Jimbocho, which is helping the place and I'm happy to see that."

'Comfort' is a recurring word throughout our conversation as Yagisawa affirms that this is the feeling he consciously chooses to create with his books. "This is the kind of book I feel called to write," he says. But the process itself is not as set in stone as this intention. "When I am taking readers on this journey, I am not steering the ship. It's like flowing down a river. If I try to take it to a conclusion that is not following the natural course, the first people to feel that would be the readers, and the healing would be a lie. I am just the observer of the story – what I observe is what I write."

Readers aside, is this process cathartic for him too? Yagisawa answers, "There are moments where I feel comforted too but most times, it is when I am reading the books later, after a year or two, and come across some good passages."

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

A young office-going woman's life is falling apart at the seams – her boyfriend is marrying another woman and she has just lost her job. After spending weeks wallowing, a call from her uncle shakes her out of her reverie; she's been summoned to help out with the family's old bookshop. As months pass, she discovers the worlds hidden away in the dusty tomes littering every surface. With each book, she regains a piece of herself and finds community among the eccentric regulars and shopkeepers who populate the neighbourhood. This is the story of the bestselling Japanese novel *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* which, since its release two years ago, has sold around 3,00,000 copies in India alone, the highest in the world after the UK. Publishers call it a 'genre-defining book' that's kicked off the popularity of cosy Japanese fiction in India.

"I found it at a time when I was at crossroads just like the character, and I took comfort from her navigating it one day at a time," explains content writer Avanthika JP, who stumbled on this title on a shopping site. Since then, she's read other popular cosy titles like *What You're Looking for is in the Library* and *Sweet Bean Paste*.

Many of these books which the internet calls cosy Japanese fiction have settings like cafés, libraries, or bookshops, a slow pace, and a slice of life plot. The appeal, as the genre's Gen Z fans explain, is in the calm it inspires, especially in the face of information overload. "There's a feeling of reassurance, it's like the author is patting you, telling you everything's going to be all right," says writer Mazin Iqbal. Nothing much happens in these books, there's no crazy adventure or dramatic backstory, completing the escape into the novel's world. "I felt like I slowed down,' that's what I've been hearing from readers about their charm," says Rahul Dixit, SVP Sales at Harper Collins.

Publishers point to the word of mouth around these short, easy-to-read titles, alongside social media buzz as the driving force behind the popularity. The hype all over bookstagram, booktube, and in other countries, booktok, is evident with posts with cosy Japanese books and their beautifully-illustrated covers, posed carefully on grass or surrounded by a warm drinks, flowers, or other paraphernalia, often accompanied by reviews and recommendations. Avanthika explains, "While I bought my first cosy Japanese book randomly, I learnt about the others on social media." How much of a role does the look of the books have in drawing readers? Dixit explains, "The shareability of these books on social media is their strongest magic; it definitely accelerates the sales. The covers are minimalistic which relates with the Japanese lifestyle that we're exposed to. "

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Mazin Iqbal, writer

This trend is also the result of a long-developing wave in publishing of works in translation getting the support to flourish. "After *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang won the Man Booker Prize about a decade ago, there has been interest in regional translations from Western publishers. Before that, there were some companies doing translation, but they had not come to the main stage," notices Manoj Satti, senior VP, product and marketing, Penguin Random House, India. This, along with interest in Asian culture – anime, manga, K-pop, and K dramas – reaching a peak in the last few years, provided the perfect space for cosy Japanese fiction to emerge and also extend to cosy Korean fiction like *Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop* and *The Second Chance Convenience Store*.

Whether getting into these quick reads is acting as a gateway into young readers exploring more 'serious' or literary works in Japanese is up for debate. "Sometimes you see people who start with dark academia or young adult fiction and are stuck on it forever. But for the most part, reading comparatively easy reads leads people to reading more challenging things," says Iqbal while Avanthika questions what counts as 'serious' literature, saying, "For me, cosy Japanese fiction itself talks about very serious issues – people dealing with issues that many adults face."

FINDING CALM BETWEEN COVERS

With interest in Asian culture – anime, manga, K-pop and dramas – reaching a peak, it has provided the perfect space for 'cosy Japanese fiction' to emerge alongside 'cosy Korean fiction'

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KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengaluru cityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1) Taj West End
2) Sophia High School
3) Sadashivanagar

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Rajamani Rao
2) Dr Sunehra Fatima
3) Sujyothi Monnappa

CITY READ

Special honour conferred

Madhusudhan Sai, president, Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Trust, Muddenahalli, was conferred the Annual Special Honour for the year 2026 by the Press Club of Bangalore in recognition of his contributions to the fields of healthcare, education, and social service. The honour was presented at a programme organised by the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Trust. The award was bestowed in appreciation of Madhusudhan Sai's efforts towards the educational upliftment of underprivileged sections of society, provision of free healthcare services, and his overall commitment to social welfare.

XPRESS FOCUS

Every child deserves an equal opportunity: MILAN 2026

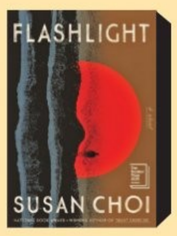
MILAN 2026, a three-day residential programme organised by the Centre for Social Action (CSA), brought together over 210 children from rural and urban project areas across Karnataka from January 17 to 19 at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru. Anchored in the university's Child Sponsorship Programme, which supports 1,779 students in the academic year 2025-26, the initiative offered structured learning, interaction and exposure beyond everyday environments.

Supported by 180 student volunteers, the fully residential programme included skill-building workshops, arts, sports, cultural activities and exposure visits to Cubbon Park and the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum. Inaugurating the programme, Fr. Bijo highlighted MILAN's role in fostering equity and shared values, while Prof. Cyril John noted its balanced focus on learning, play, confidence and self-expression.

Vice chancellors adopt Bangalore Declaration calling for urgent reforms in higher education (2026-2031)

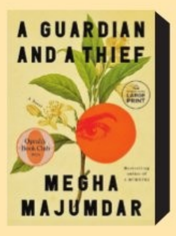
The Bangalore Declaration on the Future of Higher Education in India (2026–2031) was adopted at the South Zone Conference of Vice Chancellors held in Bengaluru on January 20-21, hosted by Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences in partnership with the Association of Indian Universities. The Declaration flags serious challenges facing Indian higher education, including faculty shortages, outdated pedagogy, weak student assessment, poor employability outcomes, and neglect of vocational education. Emphasising alignment with NEP 2020, it calls for urgent reforms over the next five years. Key recommendations include faculty rejuvenation, AI-enabled and competency-based learning, calibrated expansion linked to labour market needs, reintroduction of structured assessments, and stronger entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems within universities. The Vice Chancellors urged governments to treat higher education as a strategic national priority essential to India's future.

BOOK NOOK



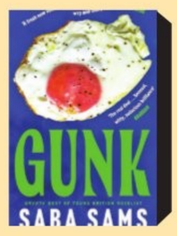
Flashlight
Susan Choi

A monumental new novel from the National Book Award winner Susan Choi, Flashlight spans decades and continents in a spellbinding, heart gripping investigation of family, loss, memory, and the ways in which we are shaped by what we cannot see.



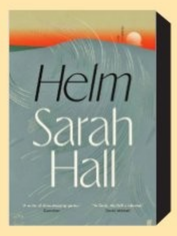
A Guardian and a Thief
By Megha Majumdar

Megha Majumdar's electrifying new novel is set in a near-future Kolkata, in which two families seeking to protect their children must battle each other. A piercing and propulsive tour de force.



Gunk
By Saba Sams

Raw, exhilarating, tender and wise, Gunk is an electrifying debut novel exploring love and desire, safety and destruction, chaos and control – and family in all its forms.



Helm
By Sarah Hall

From the twice-Booker-nominated writer of Burntcoat, an astonishing literary masterpiece that explores faith, connection, and our relationship to the natural world, for readers of *The Overstory* and *North Woods*.

A SWEET TOUCH

An attendee adds a dribble of chocolate to a cup strawberries at a hospitality expo in Palace Grounds | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICKFIX

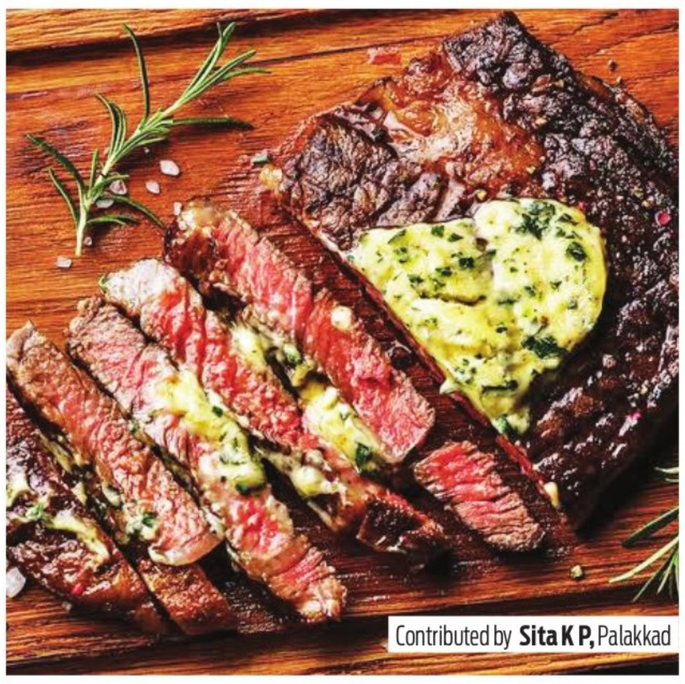
STEAK WITH GARLIC BUTTER

INGREDIENTS

- **Ribeye or Top Sirloin Steaks (500g each, 11/4" thick):** 2 steaks
- **Vegetable oil:** 1/2 tbsp
- **Black pepper, freshly ground:** 1 tsp
- **Garlic, peeled and quartered:** 2 cloves
- **Salt:** 11/2 tsp
- **Unsalted butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Fresh rosemary:** 1 sprig

METHOD

- Thoroughly pat the steak dry with paper towels. Season with 1 1/2 tsp salt and 1 tsp black pepper. Heat the cast iron pan until hot, add 1/2 tbsp oil over medium-high heat. Once the oil is very hot, add the steak.
- Sear the steak on the first side for 4 minutes until a brown crust has formed. Then, flip and cook for another 3-4 minutes. Using tongs, turn the steak on its sides to render the white fat and sear the edges (1 minute per edge).
- Reduce heat and add 2 tbsp butter, quartered garlic cloves and rosemary to the pan.
- Spoon the butter sauce over the steak. Continue spooning the sauce over the steak for a minute or until the steak is near the desired doneness.
- Transfer steak on to a cutting board, cover and rest for 10 minutes. Slice into 1/2". Serve with extra butter sauce.



Contributed by **Sita K P,** Palakkad

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

How can I use AI effectively and safely to improve my workout routines?

AI tools can organise workouts based on your schedule, available equipment, and goals. It can track your sleep, recovery, heart rate, analyse and highlight what's working and what's not. There are some apps that use video or sensor data to flag form issues. They are not perfect but it's better than guessing or mimicking the strongest person at the gym.

Now, here is what people should know:

AI should not be in charge as it doesn't know your injury history. AI doesn't feel what you do, it doesn't understand fatigue and often pushes progression. You should remember that it's not a medical professional.

ASK AN XPERT

Before choosing an AI app, cross-check recommendations with basic training principles. Prioritise recovery data as much as workout data.

Bottom line: If AI is helping you train smarter, recover, and stay injury-free, you are using it right. But if it's pushing you to grind harder and ignore red flags, it's time to unplug and listen to your body.

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EASY HEALTH HABITS TO ADD TO YOUR LIFE

Building a healthier lifestyle doesn't require extreme diets, intense workouts, or dramatic life overhauls. The most effective changes are small, consistent habits that support your body and mind every day.

1. STAY HYDRATED DAILY:

Drinking enough water supports digestion, nutrient transport, temperature regulation, and joint health. Start your day with a glass of water and keep a reusable bottle close, to stay hydrated all day.

2. MOVE MORE OFTEN:

Physical activity doesn't have to be long or intense. Walking, taking the stairs, cycling, or short bursts of exercise add up. Research shows that even 5 extra minutes of moderate movement daily can reduce mortality risk and improve metabolic health.

3. PRIORITISE A BALANCED PLATE:

Aim to fill your meals with colourful vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean proteins (like legumes, fish, chicken, tofu), and healthy fats (nuts, seeds, olive oil). Eating a variety of nutrient-dense foods supports immunity, energy, and long-term health.

4. SLEEP WELL:

Quality sleep (typically 7-9 hours for most adults) improves mood, cognitive performance, and hormonal balance. Prioritising consistent sleep routines supports appetite regulation and recovery.

5. REDUCE PROCESSED FOODS & ADDED SUGAR:

Swapping ultra-processed snacks and sugary drinks for whole foods helps stabilise energy and support heart health. Small substitutions like fresh fruit instead of sweets can make a meaningful impact over time.

6. PRACTICE MINDFUL MOVEMENT & STRESS RELIEF:

Simple habits like morning stretching, deep breathing, or a short walk outdoors help reduce stress and boost mood. Stress management is essential for both physical and mental health.

7. ADOPT A HABIT-STACKING APPROACH:

Link new habits to established cues – like drinking water after brushing your teeth or doing five minutes of mobility after waking. Habit stacking improves consistency and long-term adherence.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult—a fitness and wellness platform

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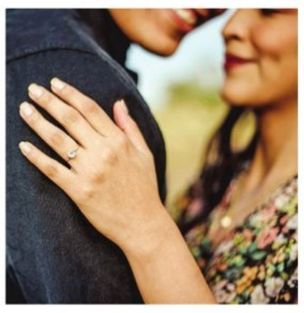
WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Grace on Stage

Experience an evening of classical grace as Bharatanatyam dancers Tejaswini HY and Vidyalakshmi MS come together for Lasya: A Classical Dance Series.

WHERE: Medai - the Stage, Koramangala
WHEN: January 22, 7.30pm
DETAILS: medaithestage.com



Pitch a Friend

This live dating show hands over the reigns of your dating life to your best wingman. Take a friend on stage and pitch them as a partner as a comedian panel roasts, rates and maybe sets up a date.

WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
WHEN: Jan 22, 11.59pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Revolutionary Rhythms

Vibe to Rang Aman Ke, an interactive performance rooted in Ambedkarite Shahiri jalsa. The concert will bring together works of poet saints and revolutionary poets from different moments in India's history to explore the values of freedom, equality, justice and togetherness.

WHERE: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar
WHEN: January 23, 7pm
DETAILS: indianmusicexperience.org

What next?

Using *Queer Chronicles: Stories of Pride and Prejudice* by Tanushree Ghosh, this session will discuss the issues facing the LGBTQIA community presented through stories in the collection . The session will cover the why, how, and what next on gender, sexuality, and LGBTQIA activism for 2026.

WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
WHEN: Jan 23, 6.30pm
CALL: 96325 10126

Play Ball

Unwind with this pickleball game meant for both solo players and those playing with a buddy. Expect casual pickleball doubles games where you can meet new partners and play with all proficiency levels in a relaxed setting.

WHERE: Paddle Park, Horamavu
WHEN: January 24, 5pm
DETAILS: district.in

Soupy Takeover

Get your chopsticks ready to sample Chennai restaurant Oji Ramen's signature 18-hour broth and hand-crafted noodles in Bengaluru at this brief takeover. Enjoy the ramen along with an assortment of appetisers.

WHERE: Katana, Indiranagar
WHEN: Jan 22, 12pm onwards
DETAILS: district.in

Stripped Down

Become immersed in this bare-bones production of *Handle with Care* in which theatre is reduced to its essence – no actors or technicians, just the audience and a box. Blending elements of experimental theatre, immersive drama, and participatory performance, it invites you to explore trust, connection, and creativity in a deeply personal way.

WHERE: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte
WHEN: Jan 24, 12pm
DETAILS: pcpa.co.in

ARTCORNER

RITUALISTIC SYNTHESIS

Artist Karthik MG's painting depicts a Theyyam artiste, representing the fierce nature of the deity often associated with protection and the destruction of evil.

Pushing through Gymtimidation!

Experts weigh in on how to move past 'gymtimidation' – the fear of judgment, new equipment, or not fitting in that keeps some away

ANJALI RAM

FOR many, the hardest part of starting a fitness routine isn't the workout itself – it's getting up and walking through the gym door. This hesitation, the quick scan of the room, filled with mirrors, machines, and bodies that seem far more confident, can make one feel a quiet nervousness from within, leading to New Year fitness goals going all in vain. This anxiety has a name now – gymtimidation!

Psychologist S Giriprasad from Aster Whitefield describes gymtimidation as the discomfort people feel when entering fitness spaces, often rooted in 'social physique anxiety.' "Gyms are public, performance-driven environments," he explains, adding, "People worry about being observed, judged about their body or technique, or making an embarrassing mistake." Plus, when you add the social media feeds filled with toned bodies and effortless workouts, it's easy to feel like the spotlight is always on.

Fitness trainer Ajay Dev says this fear is extremely common, especially among beginners. "Most people walk into the gym with the mindset that they're being judged – whether it's about how they look, how they use machines, or how their fitness level compares to others," he explains.

The gym environment itself plays a crucial role in either easing or amplifying this discomfort. "Many come to the gym not just for physical fitness, but also for mental peace," Dev adds. "If the ambience isn't welcoming – poor lighting, cluttered spaces, or trainers who seem unapproachable – beginners feel uncomfortable."

For Suchitra Gaurshetty, a fitness enthusiast and part-time teacher, gymtimidation was tangled with age-related myths. "Even my parents discouraged me; they felt lifting weights at this age would harm me," Gaurshetty recalls her early fitness journey. Knee pain initially pushed her to the gym, but fear followed – fear of being judged, fear of not knowing how to use equipment, fear of not fitting in. "You see people who've been working out for years, and you feel intimidated," she admits, adding, "But then you realise it's okay to be a beginner."

That shift in mindset is needed, experts say. Dev emphasises the importance of starting slow and realistic. "The first step is understanding your own fitness level, endurance, mobility, flexibility and strength," he notes. Bodyweight training is a good place to begin, before gradually moving on to machines and free weights. "Comparing yourself to others can be overwhelming. Fitness should be phased in."

Psychologically, Giriprasad agrees with this approach. "Early successes create confidence." He also suggests neutral self-talk when intrusive thoughts arise, as he states, "Remind yourself – 'I'm doing this for my health.' Most people are focused on themselves, not judging you."

Inclusive gym culture matters too. Giriprasad points out that beginner-only sessions, women-only hours, and approachable staff can reduce gymtimidation. "A culture of welcome can be as important as any machine," he says.

Additionally, both experts agree that guidance makes a significant difference. Whether it's a trainer, beginner programme, or supportive staff member, knowing what to do reduces anxiety. "Once you learn correct form and posture, you can slowly be on your own," Gaurshetty says.

Gymtimidation doesn't mean someone is weak or unfit – it means they're human. As Dev puts it, "Most people in the gym are just there to do their workout and leave." The real victory isn't lifting heavier or training longer – it's showing up, again and again, until the gym feels less like a test and more like a space that belongs to you.

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Break the shame

DR ARUN R WARRIER

CERVICAL cancer stands as the second most common cancer found among Indian women. While discussions around the disease have increased, deep-rooted misconceptions continue to hinder prevention efforts. To save lives, awareness and action are needed.

Common myths vs reality

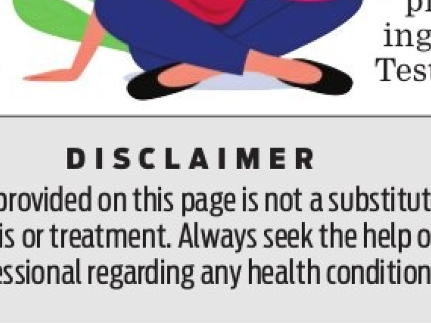
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection is the main reason for this cancer. One prevalent falsehood claims that HPV only affects women with multiple partners. In reality, many sexually active men and women encounter it, even from a single exposure, as it's a common skin-to-skin transmitted virus. It is a near-universal infection and does not reflect on a person's character.

Many believe cervical cancer is hereditary. However, it is primarily infection-driven. This makes prevention highly feasible through vaccines and screening.

Stigma shrouds cervical cancer, where it is often falsely viewed as a reflection of sexual indiscretion. This fear of social judgment causes women to conceal their symptoms.

There is also anxiety around pelvic exams. Many may forgo screenings upon realising they involve vaginal checks. This psychosocial burden limits access to prevention, treatment, and support, as families often prioritise secrecy over health. Breaking this cycle demands education, framing cervical cancer as a public health.

Symptoms are often absent in early HPV stages, leading people to dismiss irregular bleeding or discharge. The virus can remain dormant for years. So, proactive testing is essential. Testing is recommended for ladies between 30 and 65 years. The frequency depends on the risk of the patient, test reports, and the method used, but is generally required once every 3–5 years.



HPV vaccines are true game-changers, offering up to 90–97 per cent protection against cervical cancer when given before exposure. Timing is key to the vaccine's efficacy, which is why there are specific age-based recommendations. Prioritising shots for adolescent girls, alongside regular Pap/HPV tests from age 21, can transform outcomes.

(The author is a senior consultant - medical oncology at Aster Medcity, Kochi)

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I, **(OLD NAME) SHELLA,** Spouse of NO.16112329N, HAV, MOOL CHAND BAIRAWA, residing at Dani Leelkyan, Daindandani Leelkyan (Vill), Dani Baiseri (Post), Manpur (Tehsil), Dausa (Dist), RAJASTHAN (State), Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHEELA DEVI** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.16112329N, HAV, MOOL CHAND BAIRAWA, residing at Dani Leelkyan, Daindandani Leelkyan (Vill), Dani Baiseri (Post), Manpur (Tehsil), Dause (Dist), RAJASTHAN (State), Have Changed My DAUGHTER **(OLD NAME) JYOTHI KUMARI MEHRA** to **(NEW NAME) JYOTI MEHRA** And DAUGHTER **(OLD NAME) DIVYA KUMAR MEHRA** to **(NEW NAME) DIVYA MEHRA** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) K SAGUNTHALA,** mother of NO.16115955H, NK, PREM KUMAR K, residing at House NO.2/57, Alanganeri (Vill), Melmoil (Post), Katpadi (Tehsil), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632203, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) R SAKUNTALA** And **DOB** from **01.07.1957** to **18.02.1958** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAYIDA MOHAMED** W/o Ahmed Khan Mohamed R/o Shaazz Manzil, H No.144 4th Cross, South Avenue, Gottigere Bengaluru - 560083, have permanently changed my name from **SHAYIDA MOHAMED** to **SHAYIDHA,** vide affidavit dated 17/01/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) KRISHNAN,** father of NO.16115955H, NK, PREM KUMAR K, residing at House NO.2/57, Alanganeri (Vill), Melmoil (Post), Katpadi (Tehsil), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632203, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) DURAISAMY KRISHNAN** And **DOB** from **01.07.1952** to **26.08.1949** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAMTA,** W/o Dheeraj Kumar R/o No.H26-703, near Shell Petrol Pump, AWHO Sandeep Vihar Seegehalli, Bengaluru - 560067 have permanently changed my name from **MAMTA** to **MAMTA MAHOLIA** vide affidavit dated 17/01/2026 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) K PADMAVATHI,** Spouse of NO.16118003N, HAV, KURICHETI GALEIAH, residing at Ravipadu (Vill & Post), Cumbum (MD), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523370, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KURICHETI PADMAVATHI** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT

I, **NAGARATNA V.KOPPAD,** W/o. Veerabhadrappa, aged about 81 years, presently residing at No.433, 9th m Cross, M.S.R. North City, Bengaluru-560 077, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows, . I state that in all the above said documents my name **NAGARATNA V. KOPPAD,** entered differently **NAGARATNA KOPPAD and KOPPAD NAGARATNA** all the above said three names are mine. I declare that the three names are one of the same person before advocate and notary by **RAVIKUMAR .V.**

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **VINOD GARG** and **SAVITA GARG,** resident of Flat No. 41108, Prestige Jindal City, Manjunatha Nagar, Tumkur Main Road, Bangalore-560073, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from **DEEPIKA** to **GEETHIKA GARG,** vide affidavit dated 21.01.2026, sworn to before V. Rajashekhara, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **SANJAY BASAVARAJ CHIKKAMATH** and **VIJAYASHREE SANJAY CHIKKAMATH,** resident of Flat No.225, 2nd Floor, DS Max Stonescape, Lalbahadur Shastri Nagar, Anjanapura 5th 'G' Block, Bangalore-560108, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **SOORYATEJ** to **SOORYATEJ SANJAY CHIKKAMATH,** vide affidavit dated 21.01.2026, sworn to before V. Rajashekhara, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Sai Thoshith B,** S/o. Balakrishna P., Aged about 19 years, Residing at No. 103, Rajarajeswari Citadel, Near Pattanagere Government School, Rajarajeswari Nagara, Bengaluru - 560 098, do hereby declare that, in my earlier Passport my name was mentioned as **SAI THOSHITH** bearing old Passport No. T5785020 got expired on 29-5-2024. I, slate that, in all my testimonials/documents my name is mentioned as **SAI THOSHITH B** in my SSLC Mark Card, School Transfer Certificate, 2nd Year PU mark Card, college ID cards and Aadhaar Card. Unfortunately initial was not mentioned along with my name in my earlier passport by oversight. I hereby declare that henceforth my name would be called as **SAI THOSHITH B** future for all the practical purposes. Vide affidavit dated 20.01.2026 sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Sowmya R,** W/o. Sandeep Sundara Amin, Aged 39 years, Residing at No. 260, 7th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Kalyananagar, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that my correct name is **SOWMYA R** and the same is reflected in all my educational and identity documents. I hereby known and called as **SOWMYA SANDEEP SUNDARA AMIN** in my Passport. Vide affidavit dated 20.01.2026 sworn to before N. Thulasi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Divya Jyothi Bandla Narayana Murthy** D/o. Narayana Murthy Bandla, Resident at No. 259, 7th Cross, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560072, Karnataka. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Divya Jyothi Vijayakrishna to Divya Jyothi Bandla Narayanamurthy** henceforth My Name shall be known and called as **Divya Jyothi Bandla Narayanamurthy** only, vide affidavit dated 19-01-2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary M.K. Devika at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYED BABU** (Old Name), W/o **Ahmed Shariff,** resident of No.13, 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Valmikinagar, Bangalore - 560026, have changed my name to **SHAKEERA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 21/01/2026 Before Notary **M.Rajendra** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Satisha. G.T,** S/o Thammanna. M, aged about 45 years, residing at No.20, Gantiganahalli, Yelahanka, Singanayakanahalli, Bangalore-560 064. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's (Date of birth: 15.02.2011) name from **'G.S.KUJANA'** to **'KEERTHANA.S.GOWDA',** vide Affidavit dated 12.01.2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary B.Chitra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **Mr. Ranajit Ghosh,** S/o Bishnupada Ghosh, aged about 57 years and **Mrs. Mitali Sengupta,** W/o Mr. Ranajit Ghosh, aged about 50 years, presently residing at Flat No. B-4125, DLF Westend Heights, Begur Post, Akshaya Nagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 068. Hereby declare that, We have changed our minor daughter's (Date of birth: 21.12.2011) name from **'RANJINI GHOSH'** to **'INDIRA GHOSH',** vide Affidavit dated 11.01.2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MURUGESHAN .S,** S/o Subramani, age 70 years, R/at No. 252, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560 021 do hereby declare that my father correct name is **SUBRAMANI,** but in my pan card my father name is wrongly mentioned as **KANNAPPA** instead of correct name **SUBRAMANI,** vide affidavit dated 20-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RACHANA .S,** D/o Sri Sakthi Vel, age 22 years, R/at No. 15, 2nd Main Road, Sir M.V. Layout, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KARGI** to **RACHANA .S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RACHANA .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEMALATHA .P** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DILIP KUMAR .T,** F/o Sai Durvank D, age 46 years, R/at # MBR Starry, No. 013, 1st Floor, Bannerghatta Road, Nyanappanahalli, Bengaluru South, Bangalore-560 076 do hereby declare that I have changed my son' name from **DURVANK D** (old name) to **SAI DURVANK D** (new name), henceforth he shall be known and called as **SAI DURVANK D** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. Sagaya Harita @ Sagaya Harrita @ Harita S. @ Harita Manezes,** D/o Divyanathan, C/o. S. Sridhar, aged about 53 years, No. 109, Near Ganesh Temple, Kuvempu Nagar, 1st Stage, Jalahalli East, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560014, do hereby declare that henceforth my official name is **Smt. Harita,** I am one and the same person mentioned in all the documents and for all official purposes and records vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026, sworn to before **K.S.Giridhar,** Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PUNEETHA CHANDRAPPA** (Old Name) S/o. CHANDRA, aged 26 years, Residing at NO.510, CHANDRAPPA ROAD, NGOS COLONY, KAMALANAGAR, BASAVESHWRANAGAR PO, BENGALURU-560079, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **PUNEETHA CHANDRAPPA** (Old Name) to **PUNITH CHANDRA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **PUNITH CHANDRA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 17/01/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. RAGHAVENDRA RAMRAO KULKARNI,** aged about 45 years, S/o RAMRAO SHAMRAO KULKARNI Presently Residing at B-007, Abhilasha Apartment, Balagere Road, Next to Lake Field Apartment, Varthur, Karnataka - 560087, have changed my name from **RAGHAVENDRA KULKARNI** to **RAGHAVENDRA RAMRAO KULKARNI,** vide affidavit dated 21/1/2026 sworn to before Vyshali K Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAYAN GLADY COLMAN,** D/o Jacob Dias, age 54 years, R/at #D2, 2nd Floor, Chowdry Enclave, Asheervad Colony, Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAYAN GLADY COLMAN** to **GLADY COLMAN DIAS,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GLADY COLMAN DIAS** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.S. PADMAPRASAD** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **OMPATI** wife of OMPARKASH is dependent of RAVINDER KUMAR, residing at Village, Dalanwas Post, Dalanwas Dist, Mahendragarh, Haryana-123024, Presently residing at: TMQ 85/2B, Air Force Station Jalahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560015, have changed my name from **OMPATI** to **OMPATI DEVI,** vide affidavit dated 20/1/2026 sworn to before T Narayanaswamy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AKULA SHIPLA** W/o Ramesh .P, age 47 years, R/at flat No. 31709, Nikool, Bharatiya City, Thanisandra Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SHILPA .A, A. SHILPA** and **AKULA SHILPA** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 26-11-2025, sworn before XXVI Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **OMPARKASH** son of SHYO LAL is dependent of RAVINDER KUMAR, residing at Village, Dalanwas Post, Dalanwas Dist, Mahendragarh, Haryana-123024, Presently residing at TMQ 85/28, Air Force Station Jalahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560015, have changed my name from **OMPARKASH** to **OMPRAKASH,** vide affidavit dated 20/1/2026 sworn to before T Narayanaswamy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Malavika Anand Thottungal** (Holder of Passport No. P2589554), D/o Anand Thottungal, R/o 8/1, "Pushya', 1st Block, 1st "A" Main, 2nd A Cross, Dollars Colony, Ashwathnagar, RMV Extension 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560094 have changed my name to **Malavika Anand** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 21-01-2026 sworn before Notary Adv. **L.B.Anasuyamma,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. A SADIQ SAB,** aged about 41 years, S/o Late A P ABDUL SATTAR, residing at No. Begum Mohalla, Sira, Tumkur, Karnataka., I declare that below mentioned **A SADIQ SAB** and **SADHIK SAB** both names belongs to me and same person. I declare that Present my name here after is called **A SADIQ SAB,** vide affidavit dated 21/1/2026 sworn to before D G Shanthappa Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Smt. Pooja Belani** aged about 49 years, W/o Sri. Ajay, r/a Flat No, D21, Halls Road, EGMORE, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600008, Now at Bangalore, I declare that below mentioned both names **Pooja P Belani'** and **'Hitika A Sahita',** belongs to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 21/1/2026 sworn to before N K Lakshmana Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHOBHA MALLIKARJUN SOMAPUR,** W/o Mallikarjun Somapur, age 38 years, R/o Sangal Village and Post, Ramdurg Taluk, Belgaum District-591 127, presently R/at No. 225, 9th Block, CAr Police Quarters, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 018 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SHOBHA to **SHOBHA MALLIKARJUN SOMAPUR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHOBHA MALLIKARJUN SOMAPUR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.S. HEMANTH KUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LOKESHA S N S/o Sampangi, aged about 33 years, Residing at # 104, Nelaguli Village, Bolare Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore, KARNATAKA - 560082. I declare that, In my Driving Licence No.KA05 20170070306, my name entered as **Lokesh S N,** its typographical error. I declare that, my correct name is **LOKESHA S N.,** vide affidavit dated 19/1/2026 sworn to before Chethana S V Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ–571117, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ತಾಲೂಕು, ಕಾಗಲವಾಡಿ, ಕೋಟಂಬಳ್ಳಿ, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ.ಕಾಂತರಾಜು ರವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಆದ ಸುಮಾರು 42 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸುಳ್ಳ **ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಎನ್.ಮಂಜುಳ** ಆದ ನಾನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು ಮೊದಲು **ಬೇಬಿ ರೇಖಾ** ಅನ್ನುವ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ನಾನು. ನನಗೆ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಹೆಸರು **ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುಳ** ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಆಧಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾನ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎನ್ ಮಂಜುಳ ಎಂದು ನಮೂದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆನರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಖಾತೆ ನಂ.3847101003597 ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ಬೇಬಿ ರೇಖಾ** ಎಂದು ನಮೋದಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುಳ** ಮತ್ತು **ಬೇಬಿ ರೇಖಾ** ಈ ಎರಡು ಹೆಸರು ನನ್ನದೇ ಎಂದು ದಿನಾಂಕ 19ನೇ ಜನವರಿ 2026ರಂದು ನೋಟರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಕೀಲರಾದ **ಕೆ.ಎಸ್. ಬಮ್ಮಪ್ಪನವರ್**ರವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

AFFIDAVIT

I, G C CHANDRASHEKAR, also known as **J S RAVISHANKAR,** aged about 63 years, resident of #85/B5/118, KHB Colony, Shirke, Nandhini Milk Booth, Kengeri Upanagar, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru 560 060, I declare that **G C Chandrashekar** and **J S Ravishankar.** Both the above names refer to one and the same person, namely myself., vide affidavit dated 19/1/2026 sworn to before Puttaramaiah Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMAD GHOUSE PATIL,** S/o Late Mohamed Gous, age 87 years, presently R/at Flat No. 104, ADL Sunshine apartment, No. 120, 4th Main, 23rd A Cross, HSR Layout 7th Sector, Bengaluru-560 102 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMED GHOUSE PATIL, ABDUL RAHIM M PATIL, PATIL ABDHULRAHIM MOHAMEDGOUS** and **A.M. PATIL** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMAD GHOUSE PATIL** and the same is used for purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th Jan 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HANUMANTAPPA ONKARAPPA, S/o. Hanumanthappa, No. 771, Mylaralingeshwara Nilaya Post Office Road, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560067 have changed my name to **HANUMANTHAPPA ONKARAPPA** vide Affidavit, dated 21/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RATHNAKKA AJJAPPA BADAD, Residing at No.91/42, 8th Main, 14th Cross, Wilson Garden, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from RATNAKKA BADAD(Old Name) to RATNAKKA AJJAPPA BADAD (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as RATHNAKKA AJJAPPA BADAD (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 20/01/2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NATHIRA KADARMOIDEEN, resident of # 583, 1st 'A' Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector-6, Bangalore-560102, have changed my name to **NATHIRA SHADWAL SRIVASTAVA** vide Affidavit, dated 21/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ***PRABHAKARA K.V.***, and Father of DHANVI VAISHNAV PRABHAKARA (D-o-B: 06/08/2012), residing at No. 226, 5th Main, 7th Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Kodigehalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru- 560097, Karnataka India, solemnly affirm that I have changed my minor son's name from ***DHANVI VAISHNAV PRABHAKARA* to *DHANVI VAISHNAV K. PRABHAKARA (i.e. Dhanvi Vaishnav Kolar Prabhakara)**, vide affidavit Sl. No.17, Pg. No.03, Vol-01; dated: 20/01/2026, sworn before Notary Public, K.V. BACHI REDDY*, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

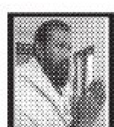
I, ***VAIBHAV PRABHAKARA***, (D-o-B: 25/02/2007), S/o. Shri. PRABHAKARA K. V., resident of No. 226, 5th Main, 7th Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Kodigehalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru- 560097, Karnataka India, have changed my name from ****VAIBHAV PRABHAKARA* to *VAIBHAV K. PRABHAKARA (i.e. Vaibhav Kolar Prabhakara)***, vide affidavit Sl. No.18, Pg. No.03, Vol-01; dated: 20/01/2026, sworn before Notary Public, K.V. BACHI REDDY*, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as ***VAIBHAV K. PRABHAKARA*** for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BURHANUDDIN, aged 34 years, S/o MOHAMMED HASAN BHAI NANDERBADWALA resident of Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Esteem Elegance, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, Bannerughatta Road, Bangalore-560083, have changed my name to **BURHANUDDIN NANDERBADWALA** vide Affidavit, dated 20/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public Lakshmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAHIN PATIL,** W/o Yunus Ahmed Lalsaheb Shaikhbudan and D/o Abdul Rahim Mohammad Ghouse Patil, aged about 56 years, with permanent address at Ward No.34, Beside G M Patel House, Opp Sainik School, Habib Nagar, Vijayapura) - 586102 and now camped at Flat No.104, ADL Sunshine Apartment, No.120, 4th Main, 23rd A Cross, HSR Layout 7th Sector, Bengaluru - 560102, do hereby declare that in my tenth marks card my father's name is mentioned as **"PATIL A M"** and in my Passport my father's name is mentioned as **"PATIL ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMAD GHOUSE"** and in my Pan Card it is mentioned as **"A M G PATIL"** and in my birth certificate it is mentioned as **"ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMED GOUS PATIL"** and in my father's passport his name is mentioned as **'ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMAD GHOUSE PATIL'** all the said names are one and same and belongs to him only but the correct name is **'ABDUL RAHIM MOHAMMAD GHOUSE PATIL'** and the same is used for purposes vide affidavit dated 17 Jan 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. Chitra** at Bangalore.



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The actor is headlining *Landlord*, a film set in a village backdrop, which explores the topic of social equality, and he opens up about choosing stories over stardom

I AM A WORKER IN CINEMA, NOT A HERO: VIJAY KUMAR

A SHARADHAA

AHEAD of the release of *Landlord*, actor-filmmaker Vijay Kumar opens up about his place in the cinema ecosystem. "I am a worker in cinema. I am not here as a hero. I want to play various characters on screen," he says, shifting the spotlight to filmmaker Jadeshaa K Hampi. "The credit should always go to the director behind a film," adds Vijay. Produced by Sarathi Films, *Landlord* gears up for release on January 23 and stars Rachita Ram alongside Vijay. The film also marks the debut of Vijay's daughter Rithanya and features an ensemble cast including Rakesh Adiga, Bhavana, and Shishir.

Landlord marks Vijay's first collaboration with director Jadeshaa, known for *Gentleman, Guru Shishyaru*, and *Kaatera*. The village backdrop and social themes drew him to the project. "I had watched *Guru Shishyaru* and realised that he is hardworking and constructs his stories carefully. At the trailer launch, I saw the character Rachayya and felt this was something I wanted to be part of," he recalls.

Set in the 1980s, *Landlord* may appear like a period story, but Vijay believes it resonates today. "Why not tell such stories now? Without history, we cannot see the future. Today's Gen Z needs to understand the struggles and fights people went through. If we don't tell them, there will be nobody to tell such stories. It becomes a document," he says.

After films like Duniya, *Salaga*, and *Bheema*, Vijay has built an audience associating him with intense, gritty characters. Will they accept him in an experimental role with an older look? "Every film of mine carries some social awareness. In this film, the awareness is complete. The story talks about equality and societal conditions. It is mass-oriented in its own way," he says confidently.

Vijay does not shy away from confronting uncomfortable realities. "We keep talking about the system because we are still inside it. It exists in corporate offices, so why not for the common man? Divide and rule exists everywhere. India still suffers from this system. Whether in villages or cities, we are still fighting for rights and equality," he points out.

Even the title is deliberate. "*Landlord* is an invitation. When a film goes to OTT after theatres, such a universal title can draw audiences from other languages. A title is the first invitation. But the crux of *Landlord* is about equality and the Constitution. It is not about upper class or lower class, but about whoever is suppressed. Caste is a mirror we keep seeing ourselves in. That has to be removed," he says.

Vijay also praises working with Rachita Ram and the film's song "Ningavva," which has struck a chord with viewers. "I liked that Rachita accepted such a role. The director did not make the song hero-centric. It keeps the husband and wife together in one frame, showing love and surroundings. The feeling is captured in one song. 'Ningavva' is feel-good, and so is our onscreen pair," he shares.

Asked how much credit he will take if the film succeeds, Vijay points again to the director. "It is the director's vision. I am just a character. I always believe the director is like a parent. We discussed scenes a lot. There was constant exchange, and he would always pick something new," he says.

He also reflects on working with Raj B Shetty for the first time. "As actors, we are not jealous. We don't think in terms of protagonist or antagonist. We think like pure actors and focus on what the character expects from us," he explains.

Regarding his daughter Rithanya, who plays his onscreen daughter, Vijay says, "This industry is an ocean. You need strength to swim. Because I am in this field, they can swim maybe 10 metres, but after that, it is still an ocean. I don't believe in luck. I believe in God's grace. It worked for me, but I don't know if it will work for them. I may be their father, but not their future."

Vijay has also been vocal about social reformer B R Ambedkar's ideology. "It comes from the heart. Babasaheb spoke about equality and rights. I have been talking and fighting for this for ten years. It is a lifelong fight. It comes from the soul," he says.

Even as a few controversies surface close to release, Vijay remains focused. "Some want me to fail. I think about success. That is my aim. Whatever comes parallel, I will face it," he signs off.

Every film of mine has some kind of social awareness. But in this film, the social awareness is in its entirety
- Vijay Kumar, actor

There is no one character that fits a certain actor if he is truly exploring. Otherwise, I could have taken up a regular job
- Raj B Shetty, actor

I came to cinema to experiment, not to fit into one box: Raj B Shetty

FOR an actor who has often been celebrated as the face of content-driven cinema, Raj B Shetty has never chased comfort. Whether it is a critically acclaimed drama, a full-blown comedy, or the common man's role in 45, Raj has enjoyed becoming the face of sharply written characters. Now, with *Landlord*, he steps into an antagonist's space in Kannada for the first time, after exploring a negative shade earlier in Malayalam cinema with Turbo.

Is this a process of trial and error to discover what suits him best? Raj is quick to reject the idea. "There is no one character that fits a certain actor if he is truly exploring. Otherwise, I could have taken up a regular job. The reason to come to cinema is to try something new and to experiment, whether as a director or as an actor. I don't like touching the same genre again and again. Even as an actor, that gives me a kick," he says.

For someone who is both a storyteller and performer, what draws him towards certain genres or characters, especially a negative shade like the ruler in *Landlord*? "The power one wants to hold in society, in a family, or even through caste, that ruler exists in everyone in some form. It is something we see around us all the time, and I felt it was interesting to tell that side of the story. Playing an antagonist is fun because society always tries to keep us within morality. When you play a villain, you have a certain freedom, and it is fun. Only in real life should we not be that person," he says.

For Raj, taking on such roles is not about shock value, but about adding variety to his own filmography. "Playing this shade of me was an experiment, and in a way, I can contribute to cinema by offering varied characters," he says.

The film's tagline, Alidavaralla, Edu Alidavara Kathyala, Alidu Ulidavara kathe (Stories of the defeated and survivor tales), resonates deeply with Raj's own philosophy about talent and opportunity. "According to nature, we should encourage skill. When we go for surgery, we don't go to a doctor who has more money; we go to a good doctor. Likewise, in cinema, we should not go with preoccupied notions. It should not be about background or labels, but about skill," he explains. "When I chose to work with Jadeshaa, I did not look at where he comes from or what he earns. I saw his writing. That is important to me. Everyone is a learning actor, including me."

Raj also speaks about the physical transformation and styling choices that went into shaping the antagonist. "The ruler's character design needed a certain performance, and this look helped me perform. When I saw myself in the mirror, I felt different. You can play a negative role by smoking or chewing beeda, but that has its own restrictions. So you need other tools, like body language and mannerisms, to play a villain. The look helps you control the space and makes the performance more convincing," he explains.

Despite his growing recognition, Raj is consciously moving away from familiar working circles and stepping out of his comfort zone, including his first collaboration with Vijay Kumar. "It was Gopal Krishna Deshpande who always spoke highly of Vijay, and I was curious to meet him. When I met Vijay, we discussed cinema, and I liked his behaviour. But honestly, I mainly choose films based on the director," says Raj, adding that trust in the filmmaker is central to his decision-making. "Jadeshaa deserves success. Going by his previous films, he has come up with a good story, and I want him to win. When a director wins, the film wins, and all of us win."

As Raj continues to move between acting and directing, between comedy and conflict, one thing remains consistent: his refusal to settle into predictability. "Today, even the genre is new for me. I don't want to repeat genres, and I don't want to repeat characters. That is the only way I feel alive in cinema," he says.

Alpha locks February release date

Team Alpha

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Alpha*: Men Love Vengeance have locked February 20 as the film's theatrical release date, riding high on the positive response to its recently unveiled title track. Directed by Vijay and produced by Anand Kumar under the L A Productions banner, the film introduces Hemanth Kumar as the lead and billed itself as a youth-driven action drama rooted in intense emotions.

The title track was launched recently, turning the audio release into a celebratory affair. Composed by Anoop Seelin, with lyrics by Nagarjun Sharma and vocals by Vyasraj Sosale, the song has quickly gained traction online following its release on the Lahari Music label. With its high-energy rhythm and charged lyrics, the track offers a strong glimpse into the film's narrative of love, obsession and vengeance.

Addressing the media, music director Anoop Seelin noted that every song in *Alpha* has been designed to serve the story. He added that the title track, in particular, reflects the film's emotional core and aggressive tone, setting expectations for what lies ahead.

Sharing his journey, debutant Hemanth Kumar said that while he does not come from a film background, he spent considerable time training before stepping in front of the camera as a lead actor. Expressing confidence in the script, music and technical team, he said he hopes audiences will encourage new talent when the film releases.

The film cast also includes actors Ayana and Gopika Suresh, along with actor Balu Nagendra. Actor Karthik Mahesh, known for his stint on Bigg Boss, revealed that he will be seen in a negative role, marking a departure from his earlier screen image.

Adil Hussain joins *Lakadbaggha 2*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Adil Hussain has come on board Anshuman Jha starrer *Lakadbaggha 2*: The Monkey Business. He will be replacing Milind Soman in the role of the sensei in the sequel to the 2023 film, scheduled for release later this year.

As per a press release shared by the film's makers, Adil steps into a role that has been significantly expanded in the sequel. "*Lakadbaggha 2*: The Monkey Business promises a sharper, darker, and more action-heavy narrative, with the sensei character playing a pivotal role in the protagonist's journey," reads the release.

Directed by Anshuman, *Lakadbaggha 2* positions itself as a martial arts action spectacle with an international ensemble, featuring martial arts legends Sunny Pang (Headshot,2016, and Havoc, 2025) and Dan Chupong (Ong-Bak, 2023). The Indian cast includes Sarah Jane Dias, Vikram Kochar, and Anshuman, who reprises his role as Arjun Bakshi, the ordinary man turned animal-loving vigilante.

Lakadbaggha 2: The Monkey Business is slated for a mid-2026 release.

Singer Arjun Janya makes a special appearance in *Rakkasapuradol*

CE FEATURES

The makers have Jogi Prem lending his voice to the song to match its devotional and narrative-driven tone

RAJ B Shetty's upcoming crime thriller, *Rakkasapuradol*, is shaping up to be one of the more interesting releases this season. After generating excitement with its first-look poster, teaser, and the song Neena Neena..., the team is ready to release another key track from the film's album. Titled Siddayya Swami Banni..., the song will be released today.

What makes this song special is that filmmaker Jogi Prem has sung it. Known for creating popular films with strong emotional storytelling, Prem's voice adds a grounded, rustic feel to the song, which reflects the film's village setting. Instead of using a traditional playback singer, the team believed Prem's voice would match the song's devotional and narrative-driven tone.

In a surprise twist, music director Arjun Janya will also appear onscreen in this song. While Arjun is a well-known name behind the scenes, his appearance adds an extra layer of interest for audiences. Written by Kranti Kumar, the song serves a situational purpose as the villagers turn to Siddayya Swamy for relief from their troubles. The scene features Raj B Shetty, Gaurav Shetty, and a large group of villagers.

Directed by Ravi Saranga, who has worked closely with Jogi Prem for over a decade, *Rakkasapuradol* is set in and around Kollegal and unfolds as a crime thriller with a psychological edge. The director describes the film as an exploration of the duality within humans, where people must confront and overcome their inner 'rakshasa.'

Produced by stunt director K Ravivarma under the KN Entertainments banner, the film is scheduled for a theatrical release on February 6, with the trailer expected to be out soon. The cast includes Swatishta Krishna, Archana Kottige, B Suresh, Aniruddha Bhat, Gopal Deshpande, Jahangir, Gaurav Shetty, and Siddanna. The film features cinematography by William David and editing by KM Prakash.

Arjun Janya

A still from the film

Lea Seydoux, Mikey Madison to share screen space

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Lea Seydoux has joined the cast of the upcoming film *The Masque of the Red Death from A24*, headlined by Mikey Madison. The film is a feature adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe's eponymous short story. While plot details have been kept under wraps, the film is described as "wildly revisionist and darkly comedic." Madison is set to play twin sisters in a story set during a deadly plague, where a deranged prince named Prospero invites the wealthy elite to take refuge in his lavish castle. Seydoux will be seen as an ambitious lady-in-waiting, quietly plotting her rise to power.

Julia Hammer and Erik Feig are backing the film for Picturestart with James Presson and Lucy McKendrick. Polinger and Lucy McKendrick serve as executive producers. A24 is distributing the film worldwide. Seydoux has built a career seamlessly moving between French films and major Hollywood projects. Her international journey began with Inglourious Basterds and continued through big-budget ventures such as Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol and Spectre, one of the two James Bond films in which she featured.